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Cold & Sloppy Winter Weather Continues

While the winter storm warnings and advisories have expired, the winter blast continues to keep streets and sidewalks around campus and New Wilmington covered with ice and snow. Road crews are using plows and salt and sand mixtures to keep the roads clear—but at least one PennDot truck in Lawrence County had some trouble this past week along Route 19. Campus commuters reported that a PennDot plow truck was stuck in a ditch near Crazy Dave's Paintball. Meanwhile, the wind is causing some of the snow to drift across some roadways, while others have become a slushy mess. Emergency officials say motorists should plan extra driving time when heading out on the roads.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sororities pick up new members

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

This past Saturday was sorority bid day, the culmination of a week of parties, mixed emotions and big decisions.

Each sorority picked up the maximum of 11 girls filling their quota and reaching the ceiling every sorority is permitted to have.

Bid Day festivities included sisterhood bonding activies such as bowling and ice skating.

Sophomore Sigma Kappa Amy Sasfai said all the hard work during recruitment week paid off. "The week was really long, but in the end we got some really awesome girls. It was a real good feeling to see all the new members wearing our letters."

Some new recruits shared their reasoning behind picking the sorority they chose.

"I know so many girls in this whole sorority and they're just like my best friends here I just love them all and it was just the only chose I had to make," first-year Phi Mu Bethany Knicely said.

Even women who were reluctant to rush at the beginning of the year were happy to be picked up. "I wasn't really into sororities at first, now I am and I love them," first-year Sigma Kappa Amber McCauslin said.

Other upperclass women shared in the excitement over their new sorority sisters. "I'm so excited about our new babies," senior Zeta Tau Alpha Cortney DiVito said.

"I have never been more proud of Kappa Delta in my entire life and I have never felt this love an excitement and enthusiasm since I was a freshman at my pickup day," junior Kappa Delta Maggie Muir said.

"I'm really excited. I was all nervous because I didn't know what girls were going to go where, but I'm really excited about the outcome," sophomore Alpha Gamma Delta Kelly Rovnak said.

"I'm very excited. I love all our new girls. We are very happy about the outcome of the day," sophomore Kappa Delta Christina Cobucci said.

photo by Isaac Ludwig
Sororities begin the Bid Day celebration in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium

Martin Luther King, Jr. remembered

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Westminster honored and remembered Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. last week, holding a special "birthday celebration" for the belated icon at Orchard Street Café from 11a.m. till 1p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21 that included an open invitation and cake.

Later that day, at 4 p.m., a memorial worship service took place at Wallace Chapel, with Reverend Raymon Hylton visiting as keynote speaker.

Notably, Westminster continued its celebration of Rev. King when on Friday, College Trustee Roberta Taylor spoke in Chapel, delivering an address titled "Living History" with its focus on memories from the Civil Rights movement, as well as a call for lives of peace and unity.

After the chapel, Roberta Taylor, members of the faculty and administration, and some students had the opportunity to sit in on a relaxed, open-discussion luncheon in the McKelvey Center Club Room.

Prior to the remembrance service on the 21st, a video-presentation called "Hands of Steel, Heart of Gold" concerning an interview with former Pittsburgh Steeler Mel Blount was held from 3:45 till 4 p.m. The worship service began immediately after, lasting until 5 p.m.

The service was called to order by Westminster College Chaplain, Reverend Jim Mohr, followed by an opening hymn, an invocation by Chaplain's Assistant Keturah Laney, and a scripture reading by E. June Garner, the college Registrar.

President R. Thomas Williamson gave the welcome address, first-year student Joselyn Parker read two poems, Professor of English Dr. Elizabeth Ford read an excerpt from Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, and Reverend Jeanette Hooks of Westminster's Office of Diversity Services introduced the keynote speaker, Reverend Raymon Hylton. Hylton, visiting from First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, delivered the primary message of the worship service. Afterward, the service was closed in a prayer of unity lead by Residence Director Seth McCormick.

Hooks thought Westminster fortunate to have visiting Reverend Hylton as keynote speaker, calling his message "electrifying and inspirational."

Hylton spoke, among other things, of an anecdote of a recent demonstration in New Castle, contrasting their march across a bridge to one that was met with force and violence in Alabama during the Civil Rights movement.

Joselyn Parker's reading of two pieces of her own poetry also discussed issues pertinent on Martin Luther King Day.

"A lot of times we repeat the same cycles," Parker says, discussing her first poem. "So when is it going to end? It starts with you, it starts with me."

Parker's second poem also concentrated on the importance of individual actions in bringing unity and peace. She says people see a problem and say, "What is somebody going to do, what is somebody going to do?" Parker says that individuals need to ask themselves, "What am I going to do?" She believes that this is what Dr. Martin Luther King did.

Overall, Hooks says that the most important theme for the service was the spirit of unity. "What really touched me was that there were so many people there who gave unselfishly of their time," she said.

Most people invited to speak or to assist, according to Hooks, expressed that it was an honor to contribute, and Hooks articulated her thanks to all those involved.

Hooks adds that the theme is unity and cooperation, and so "this is not a black thing, this is not a white thing, this is just about doing the right thing."

The Chapel on Friday, the 23rd, featured both College Trustee Roberta Taylor, and the Gospel Choir. Jeanette Hooks says that Taylors message "took us back. Gave us highlights of things she remembers growing up."

Taylor grew up amidst the Civil Rights movement, and according to Hooks, "Throughout her message, she shared with her audience the impression of keeping the memories and keeping them alive."

Taylor used scriptures from Romans 15, verses 2 through 6 to emphasize her point-highlighting the importance of love, unity, and remembering the past.

The luncheon after Friday's chapel was, according to Hooks, very relaxed. Only about 25 people participated: faculty, administrators, and students among those in attendance.

Taylor shared in an informal atmosphere some stories about her time at Westminster College as a student.

This year Westminster's celebration of Martin Luther King Day differed in its spanning over the course of several days rather than just one. Jeanette Hooks believes that the turn out for events was very good, and Joselyn Parker agrees that for being the first day back from school, a lot of people showed up.

However, Parker believes that in the future the events can probably be promoted better, and also hopes for even more student participation.

Westminster's celebration of Martin Luther King, says Hooks, is fundamentally about remembrance. Hooks adds, though, that the theme is unity and cooperation, and so "this is not a black thing, this is not a white thing, this is just about doing the right thing."

Hooks initially began putting together ideas in August of this year, but had to wait for Westminster to acquire a chaplain before anything formalized could happen.

Thus, planning began in October, when Hooks, Reverend Jim Mohr, and Assistant Chaplain Keturah Laney began to meet as a committee to discuss and arrange events.

Three students intern for presidential hopeful

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

As the Mock Convention quickly approaches, Westminster students are learning as much as possible about this year's Democratic hopefuls. During winter break, junior Jeremy Baker, first year Colby King, and sophomore Nawal Rajeh made a 10-hour trip to Iowa to learn firsthand about Democratic candidate Dennis Kucinich.

"When we arrived in Iowa, we called our boss to ask directions to the office," said King. "He told us to head to the intersection at the Howard Dean office and make a left. It was a symbolic way to start the campaign."

King found the internship through the campaign's website and informed the others of the opportunity. Combined they worked more than 300 hours on the campaign.

The three spent 16 days in Davenport, Iowa and surrounding towns campaigning for Kucinich. They communicated with possible voters through door-to-door visits, telephone calls, post cards, and letters. Additionally, they created flyers used to advertise events bringing Kucinich to town.

"We even 'cut turf'," said King. "We printed out maps of certain areas, or precincts, and then printed out the street addresses of possible voters in the area. We then organized the addresses into 'walking lists.' And, we definitely stuffed a lot of envelopes."

Before beginning their internship, each had different reasons for supporting the candidate.

"I identify with his stance on WTO and NAFTA. My father works for a steel mill in Butler and canceling NAFTA is the only way to keep manufacturing jobs like my dad's here in the U.S.," said King. "Dennis is more than just a representative. He is an activist as well."

Rajeh supports Kucinich for different reasons. "He believes that peace is a civil right and is possible to achieve. I admire that he stands up for what he thinks is right."

"We commonly heard that people really liked Dennis but didn't feel he could win or was 'electable'," Rajeh continued. "His 'electibility' is only dependant on us going to the polls and voting for him. If people are looking for real change in health care, the environment, and the war in Iraq, Kucinich is the candidate for them."

Trip highlights for the trio varied. King recalls one of his favorite moments.

"We got our boss to say 'straight chillin.' On a more serious note, though, I passed out information for Kucinich at a Howard Dean event. I got into four separate verbal arguments with Dean supporters and I won each one."

King also explained how the media greatly influences voters' opinions. Each of the two main newspapers in Iowa endorsed a different candidate. The counties surrounding where these papers were printed each supported the candidate at the local paper endorsed.

To learn more about Kucinich, check out http://www.kucinich.us/, or contact King at kingcr@westminster.edu. He will be representing Kucinich in the upcoming Mock Convention.

"As Jeremy and Nawal and I agreed," King said, "'Money wins elections. Ideals change the world."

Faculty courseload to lighten up under new plan

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

In four years, the faculty and administration at the college will have a lighter teaching load.

Beginning next fall, the average annual course load for faculty will be reduced from 28 hours to 26 hours. Over the next four years, the professors will move to teaching six courses. There will be two segments of courses: 6- 7 and 7 -6.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Teaching Load is made of seven professors all chosen by the faculty. The Committee elected Dr. James Rhoads as the Chair. The purpose of the Committee is to help monitor the process in conjunction with the administration. The Committee's objective is to make certain that the change carries with as little disruption as possible. "The lighter course load gives the professors an opportunity to do what they want and need to do," said Dean Jesse Mann. "They won't feel so rushed."

Professors will benefit from a lighter course load. Faculty will be able to pursue research agendas and stay current with the curriculum. This will keep faculty in better touch with their disciplines and this will carry over into the classroom as well.

The professors look forward to the new course load. "The faculty asked for this two years ago," Mann said.

A lighter load means that the professors can simply do their jobs better. "The faculty believes very strongly that reducing the teaching load will lead to a better educational experience for both faculty and students," Rhoades said. "Faculty will have more time to devote to classes and students, and we firmly believe that teaching will improve."

Dean Mann explained that over the next four years the course changes would be tweaked and monitored. The main concern is to have the students graduate on time. According to the U.S. News & World Report's 2004 Guide to America's Best Colleges, the College has a 79 percent graduation rate. Mann stressed the importance of maintaining this graduation percentage.

Students can anticipate minor changes as the faculty course load is adjusted. The same IP and VP required classes remain the same; however, there is one disadvantage that may leave some students a bit disgruntled when registering for classes.

Mann explained that there would be fewer courses offered since the College isn't hiring additional faculty. Mann said that there could be two to three more students in each class, and it might be harder for some students to get into a class they want. The College's priority is two fold: give the student the education they need in a traditional four year plan and keep all the classes filled. Under enrollment in classes will only impair the success of new course loads.

Steps are being taken at many levels to make certain that students are not impacted .The incoming first-year students will likely be affected. Returning upperclassmen need not be concerned with the course changes. "The Committee, the Faculty, and the Administration are taking every possible step to foresee any difficulties that may emerge as part of this transition," Rhoads said.

New study abroad programs offered

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Westminster recently acquired two new foreign exchange programs.

The first of these is the International Student Exchange Program. Many exchanges through this program are total exchanges where the student pays almost all expenses through the college.

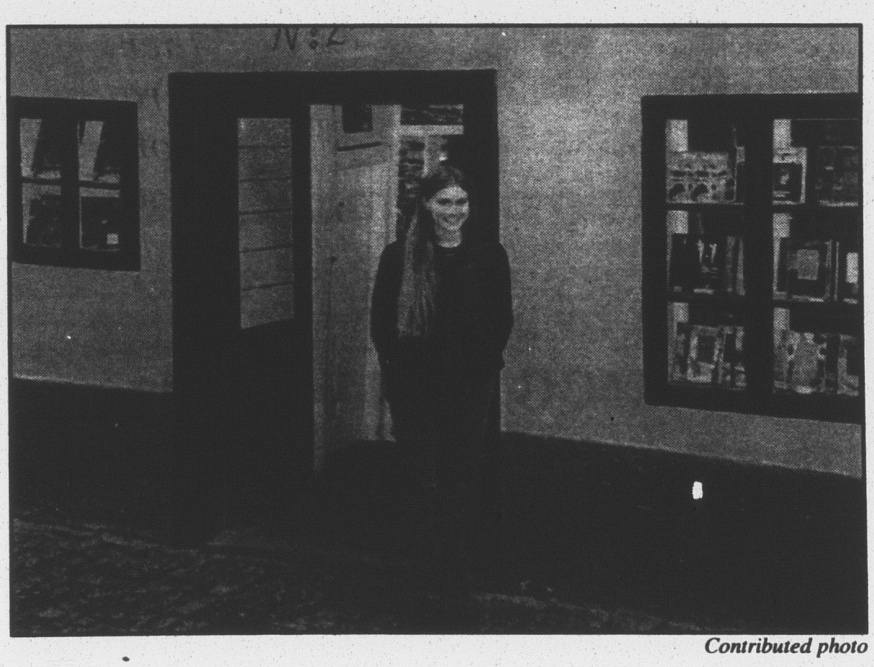
In the past, only students who were required to study abroad received financial aid but with the addition of the ISEP program, student aid applies to any major. This opens foreign study to students studying science and business.

The students who use this program may live with families, in apartments or residence halls. Though many foreign colleges and universities have schedules similar to Westminster, the length of stay depends on where the student chooses to study.

The second exchange program is Westminster at Oxford. This program is affiliated with Centers for Academic Programs Abroad. Through this program, Westminster takes both faculty and students to study at one of the Oxford colleges.

According to Dr. Frederick Horn, this program is geared toward the student who may be more apprehensive about studying abroad because it allows them to be with a faculty member from the college.

Horn hopes that with the addition of these new programs, more students will be able to study abroad.



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Junior German major Julie Fair spent last semester in Germany. While overseas, students have the opprotunity to visit historical sites, such as author Franz Kafka's home.

"We're hoping to expand the number of students who go abroad," said Horn. "Studying aboard opens people's eyes and you gain such valuable insights into other cultures."

Julie Fair, junior German major, studied abroad this past semester. Fair was in Heidelberg, Germany for four months because it is a requirement for her major.

For Fair, the best part of being in Germany was having freedom.

"Classes were only held once a week and the rest of the time was yours to do with however you pleased," said Fair.

She also found it eye-opening to be in another country and enjoyed that she was able to break stereotypes of Americans.

"Most people had their own preconceived notions of what Americans are like and many times it was not a positive image," said Fair. "But I found it very rewarding to get to know them and watch their views on Americans change."

Fair enjoyed her time in Germany very much and would like to someday visit again.

Amber Bickhart also studied abroad this past semester. Bickhart, who is a junior Spanish major, studied abroad in Granada, Spain.

Though Bickhart felt prepared to go overseas, she was not expecting some of the experiences she had while there.

"The people were generally nice but some of them did not have patience for my less-than-perfect Spanish," said Bickhart. "While I was in Granada they arrested a member of Al Quaida there, which was kind of scary."

Despite these things, Bickhart enjoyed her time in Spain and would like to go back.

She gave advice to those who plan to study abroad.

"Take every opportunity you get to travel within the country that you're studying in, and above all, enjoy every minute of it!"

Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

WC student linked to check altering scandal

Sharon Police say a South African student who was studying at Westminster last fall is at the center of check fraud investigation. Police say the investigation involves a 24-dollar check issued by the Sharon School District that was changed and cashed for 12-thousand dollars. Investigators refuse to release the name of the student because they haven't charged him—but they say a check was altered and cashed back in December at a Florida bank. Sharon School District officials say they issued the check to the student back in September as payment for refereeing some soccer matches. Local police say they are talking with federal authorities as their investigation continues.

Mock Convention to begin next Thursday

The Mock Convention begins next Thursday as organizers say they will kick it off at the Field House with the call to order ceremony by the yet to be named Presiding Chair at three in the afternoon. The opening ceremonies will set up for the parade of states and delegates that begins at 6:30 leading into a presentation from guest speaker Paul Begala, democratic political strategist and debater on CNN's "Crossfire."

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If you are looking for a new look in 2004 but don't have the cash for a new do, this Satuday, Jan 31, you could get the cut for free. Alpha Phi Omega will be hosting a Locks for Love event. The event is designed to collect donations of hair to be used for wigs which will then be donated free of charge to children who have lost their hair due to canccer or other diseases. Donations of any length over two inches will be accepted. Stylists will be on hand to perform the free cuts and help you pick out a new style. Other activities are also planned throughout the day.

Cost of local air travel rises

Flying round trip from small airports like nearby Grove City could start costing more than flying from larger hubs like Pittsburgh International. Major airlines are scrambling to compete with discount carriers by scaling back commuter services and raising ticket prices. As a result Pennsylvania's smaller airports are struggling to attract new passengers.

Ignition shut-off systems

Pennsylvania drivers were prevented from starting their cars more than 33,000 times last year by alcohol-tirggered ignition shut-off systems. Officials saythe systems shut off three times the number of engines last year compared to previous years. The increase is most likely because the number of cars with the device has more than doubled.

The devices are installed in the cars of repeat DUI offenders. They force drivers to blow into tubes so their blood alcohol content can be measured. If the alcohol content is too high, the engine will not start.

Add/drop deadline extended

Because of the nasty weather, the Registrar's office has extended the deadline to add or drop classes. This deadline is for adding or dropping without having to pay a fee. Students have until this Friday, the 30th, to change classes without paying. After Friday any one adding or dropping a class will pay a 15-dollar fee.

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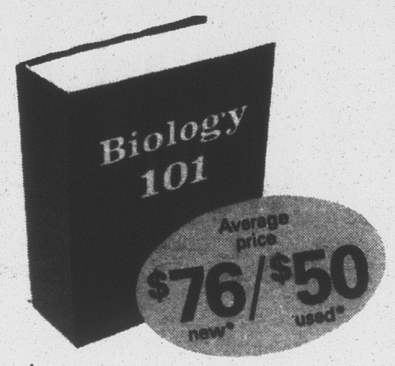

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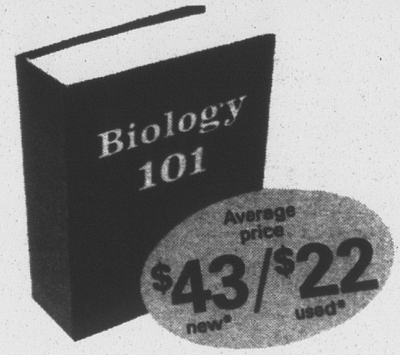

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1. The United States must ask the United Nations to manage the oil assets of Iraq until the Iraqi people are self-governing.
2. The United Nations must handle all the contracts: No more Halliburton sweetheart deals, No contracts to Bush Administration insiders, No contracts to campaign contributors. All contracts must be awarded under transparent conditions.
3. The United States must renounce any plans to privatize Iraq. It is illegal under both the Geneva and the Hague Conventions for any nation to invade another nation, seize its assets, and sell those assets. The Iraqi people, and the Iraqi people alone must have the right to determine the future of their country's resources.
4. The United States must ask the United Nations to handle the transition to Iraqi self-governance. The U.N. must be asked to help the Iraqi people develop a Constitution. The U.N. must assist in developing free and fair elections.
5. The United States must agree to pay for what we blew up.
6. The United States must pay reparations to the families of innocent Iraqi civilian noncombatants killed and injured in the conflict.
7. The United States must contribute financially to the U.N. peacekeeping mission.
8. The United Nations, through its member nations, will commit 130,000 peacekeepers to Iraq on a temporary basis until the Iraqi people can maintain their own security.
9. U.N. troops will rotate into Iraq, and all U.S. troops will come home.
10. The United States will abandon policies of "preemption" and unilateralism and commit to strengthening the U.N.

Universal Not-For-Profit Health Care For ALL

If you want to vote to improve the US health care system, then you want to vote for Dennis Kucinich. Among the candidates, only Dennis has developed a serious health care plan that would cover every American citizen at less cost than the current health care system. Health insurance companies profit by not providing health care, yet our current system, and the systems proposed by every other candidate allows health insurance companies to make health care decisions. Because Dennis's health care plan would be not-for-profit, it would allow doctors and patients to make decisions, instead of insurance companies. Because Dennis's health care plan would be not-for-profit, thousands of dollars would be saved in advertising and the money would be used to cover the more than 40 million Americans that do not have health care today.

Guaranteed Quality Education, Pre-K Through College

If you want to support improvement in our nation's education system, then you want to support Dennis Kucinich. He offers a real plan to pay for education, pre-K through college for all Americans and would provide money to rebuild our public schools and employ more teachers. His plan also includes funding for things like after-school tutoring and job training for those who do not venture into college. (This would mean no more student loans to worry about after graduation!)

Economy and Jobs

If you want to improve the US economy and increase the number of jobs for Americans, then you want to support Dennis Kucinich. Dennis has the highest AFL-CIO lifetime "right" voting record among the candidates (98%). He is the only candidate that has proposed a new public works program to employ Americans and rebuild our nation's infrastructure. He is the only candidate that has pledged to cancel NAFTA, the trade agreement that has caused a $360 Billion trade deficit and allowed over 363,000 jobs to leave the US. Other candidates want to renegotiate the treaty, but that is impossible because it would mean negotiating with people who are benefiting from NAFTA for the same reasons that it hurts the US. We must cancel NAFTA first and force fair trade agreements based on human rights and environmental standards in order to keep jobs in the US.

Environmental Renewal, and Clean Energy

If you want to support a candidate that will improve society's interaction with the environment, then you want to support Dennis Kucinich. Dennis is the only candidate that has been endorsed by the League of conservation voters, and the only candidate who met with world leaders to discuss environmental issues at the World Summit on Sustainability in Johannesburg. He is the only candidate that understands that we must cancel NAFTA in order to create new trade agreements based on environmental standards. He:

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Why Dennis Kucinich for the Democratic Nomination?

At this time it is clear that the American people need an alternative to the Bush administration. Dennis Kucinich is the best candidate for the Democratic Party and the American people to defeat Bush in November. Dennis has successfully defeated three well-funded incumbent Republicans in generally Republican districts. Where Bush and the other Democratic candidates offer for-profit health care systems, Dennis is the only candidate offering a clear alternative, a not-for-profit system. Where Bush and the other Democratic candidates would attempt to fix trade under NAFTA, Dennis would cancel NAFTA and reestablish fair trade agreements. Where Bush and the other candidates would maintain a US presence in Iraq, further increasing instability, Dennis would bring UN troops in and bring our troops home. The Democrats need to offer an alternative. Dennis is the clearest alternative.

Here is a list of things that distinguish Dennis from other candidates:
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Only Dennis attended the protests against the WTO in Seattle (FYI, the WTO is suing the state of CA for not allowing a Canadian company to sell its carcinogenic gasoline additive, because that is "unfair trade")
Only Dennis has a plan to bring our troops home from Iraq
Only Dennis attended the World Summit on Sustainability
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Children's service workers under review for actions

AKRON, Ohio (AP) County children's services workers did not mishandle an abuse case involving five boys locked in a closet and forced to eat animal feces, according to a county panel's review.

County Executive James McCarthy asked the Child Fatality Review Board, which consists of citizens and several local agencies, in May to examine how Summit County Children's Services Board treated the case. The request came after complaints that the agency didn't act on warnings from relatives and neighbors indicating that the children were in danger.

Children Services Board legal director Katerina Papas said the agency was pleased with the panel's findings.

"The significance of them is that they come from the people who work with child protection day in and day out and understand the issues," Papas said.

Mary Rowles, 31, and her partner, Alice Jenkins, 28, were each sentenced on Jan. 13 to 30 years in prison. The women pleaded guilty in October to kidnapping, child endangering, felonious assault and other charges involving the children, now ages 7 to 15.

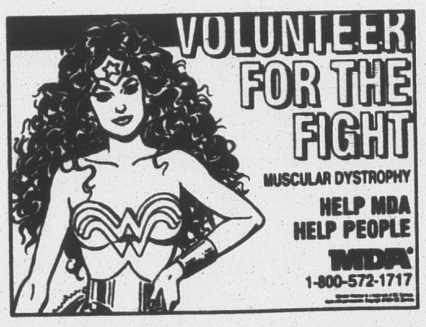
Rowles' five sons said they were locked in dark closets, deprived of food, forced to eat feces and were mentally and physically abused for a year or more.

The women were arrested after three boys were found malnourished and wandering city streets April 28.

The fatality review board did recommend ways that the agencies involved with the children could have shared information more effectively with the children services' workers.

It also recommended the agency refer cases of children who appear malnourished to the child abuse center at Akron Children's Hospital "rather than seek the opinion of a family's primary care physician as to the condition of children in question."

A family doctor who examined the children in January 2003 told a social worker that two children appeared malnourished, but she didn't think children's services needed to get involved, according to the agency.



Death row inmate up for retrial, cites missing evidence

PITTSBURGH (AP) A federal judge will hear arguments Friday on whether a death row inmate convicted of robbing and killing an 80-year-old woman should be granted a new trial based on evidence the jury did not hear.

Ernest Simmons, 46, has been in prison since he was convicted of robbing and killing Anna Knaze in her Johnstown home in May 1992. His execution has been stayed twice.

Prosecutors and police maintain they have the right man but an investigation by the Innocence Institute of Western Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette suggests otherwise.

Jurors in Simmons' June 1993 trial were not told that tests on hair didn't match Simmons and they did not hear tapes in which Simmons swore his innocence 19 times to his girlfriend, who secretly taped the conversation.

The Innocence Institute also said that the prosecution's star witness in the case recently told investigators with the group that she lied on the stand.

Simmons' attorney declined to let his client be interviewed, but in a letter Simmons wrote, "During my life there have been crimes for which I have been in prison and for which I served my time and for which I am sorry. However, now I am waiting for my turn on death row for a crime which I did not commit."

Cambria County District Attorney David Tulowitzki, who was not in office at the time of the trial, and the lead detective and prosecutors who handled the case declined to comment.

By the time he was 27, Simmons had pleaded guilty to 19 charges of theft and received four different prison terms. His most serious conviction came in 1984 in Harrisburg, where he admitted attacking and robbing two elderly men.

After being paroled in 1991 at age 34, he got a job as a barber in Johnstown.

About six months into his stay in Johnstown, Simmons was imprisoned on a parole violation and was questioned about Knaze's killing, which had taken place nine days earlier.

Knaze's son found her body slumped on a hallway floor on May 6, 1992. An autopsy showed her spine was severed, all her ribs were broken and she had been strangled. All that was missing was her purse.

Simmons maintained he drove his girlfriend to an appointment that day, then took some friends of her to an auto body shop and stopped at a bank on the way back. He then went back to pick up his girlfriend.

Johnstown police Sgt. Richard Rok believed Simmons had enough time to commit the murder between the trips.

Margaret Cobaugh, who reported being raped by a man who stole her purse as she walked home, initially told police she didn't get a good look at her attacker but changed her story several weeks later. She named Simmons as the attacker who warned her not to scream or she would "get the same thing Anna Knaze got."

At trial, defense lawyers were able to show inconsistencies in Cobaugh's testimony but one juror later said she believed that was the result of stress.

Cobaugh, now 73, told the Innocence Institute that she could not positively identify anyone but named Simmons because Rok "was positive that Ernest Simmons did it but he had no proof of it."

Rok, now 42, is serving a one-year sentence for assaulting a handcuffed suspect.

When the Defender Association of Philadelphia picked up Simmons' appeal, it found that Simmons' former girlfriend, LaCherie Pletcher, had secretly tape-recorded Simmons. Rok later admitted that such tapes existed, and that Cobaugh's clothes were tested for evidence and hair samples didn't match Simmons.

The appeal also revealed that Rok never told defense attorneys that Cobaugh initially did not pick Simmons out of mug shots and that Rok helped her avoid gun purchase charges because she had been convicted of a felony.

Despite those admissions, Judge Thomas Swope has refused to grant Simmons a new trial.

Regional Briefs

SRU sledding accident

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) A boy crashed his inflatable sled into a tree and died, authorities said.

Blake Justes, 12, of Slippery Rock, his father and sister were sledding down a steep hill Sunday on the Slippery Rock University campus, about 45 miles north of Pittsburgh, authorities said.

"There are many hills on the campus and he was on one of the most popular ones," said Ross Feltz, a Slippery Rock spokesman. "The hill he was on is lined with trees on either side, but it's pretty much a wide open hill."

"It gives us great concern when something like this happens," Feltz said. "I don't know if there will be a formal police investigation, but we're certainly going to be looking in it."

Blake was pronounced dead at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Allegheny County Coroner's office ruled the death accidental.

While there have been other sledding-related accidents on campus, Feltz couldn't recall any deaths in his 12 years he has worked at the university.

Carbon monoxide poisoning

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) High levels of poisonous carbon monoxide were detected in home where two people were found dead Monday and two others were injured critically, authorities said.

A car was found running in the attached garage, which was the likely source of the gas, police spokeswoman Sherry Mercurio said. A friend of the victims discovered the four unconscious.

Fire department spokeswoman Kelly McGuire said they were found in upstairs rooms of the two-story home.

Carbon monoxide measured eight times higher than the level when the gas is considered a health threat, McGuire said.

Two victims were pronounced dead at the home, and the other two were taken to area hospitals. No other information was available on the injuries, and the names weren't released.

Homicide detectives were at the house, and autopsies were planned.

Toddler in criticalcondition

PHILADELPHIA (AP) A 1 1/2-year-old girl was stabbed in the back and left in a snow-covered schoolyard Monday morning, police said. Her mother was taken into custody for questioning.

A man taking his child to day care noticed the toddler about 8:45 a.m. outside an elementary school in the west Philadelphia neighborhood, police said.

A steak knife was lodged in the girl's back and she was clothed only in a diaper, according to a police spokeswoman, Officer Sheila Smith.

Her mother, whose name was not released, was taken into custody for questioning, Smith said. She gave no other details.

The girl was taken to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in critical condition. The hospital declined to release any information on her.

Temperatures in the city were hovering around 20 when the little girl was found.

2004 hunting seasons

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) State Game Commission authorities, meeting this week to give preliminary approval to the 2004 hunting seasons, have decided not to pursue a longer deer-hunting season.

The eight-member commission is expected to approve the traditional two-week season beginning Nov. 29, the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Commission staffers earlier talked about opening doe season on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to help reduce the deer population, but commission spokesman Jerry Feaser said the idea - which was never a formal proposal - was rejected because of concerns about the effect on holiday plans and the pre Thanksgiving turkey and bear seasons.

Game officials feared that turkey and bear populations would either be threatened with deer hunters moving them around in the woods, or their populations would surge as hunters choose to target deer instead, Feaser said.

State Rep. Bruce Smith, R-Dillsburg, chairman of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, had called the idea of a longer season "hare-brained."

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs was also opposed, saying the commission should target areas where more deer are causing the most problems, executive director Melody Zullinger said.

"Pennsylvania is not a one-size-fits-all state," Zullinger said.

NATIONAL

Adult anti-depressants under review for adolescent use

WASHINGTON (AP) Parents of children with depression must sort through an emotionally charged controversy in deciding on treatment: Do popular adult antidepressants sometimes increase the risk of suicide when they're given to kids?

British authorities last month declared a list of common antidepressants unsuitable for children, citing that possibility. Next week, U.S. health authorities open public hearings on the issue, at which parents who blame the drugs for children's deaths are expected to face families who credit the same pills for saving lives.

It's a difficult question, as depression occurs in about 10 percent of youth, and depression can lead to suicide. Some 1,883 10- to 19-year-olds killed themselves in 2001, and specialists say there are 10 to 20 attempts for every suicide.

Antidepressants called SSRIs, such as Paxil, Zoloft and Effexor, have been long used by adults, and authorities say there's no evidence of a suicide risk for them.

But medicines can work differently in children, and only carefully controlled studies can prove if suicidal behavior is more common among youths taking SSRIs. The same holds for determining whether if a risk is proved, is the risk because the drug just did not alleviate the depression or had had some other effect.

No suicides have occurred in studies encompassing 4,000 children. But preliminary data suggest suicidal behavior and attempts, while infrequent, might be two to three times greater among users of some SSRIs: roughly 3.2 percent among children getting the drugs compared with 1.5 percent among those given dummy pills.

The possible risk was spotted after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, seeing pediatric SSRI use rising, ordered research to see whether they work in children.

So far, the FDA has approved just one SSRI - Prozac - for use in depressed patients under age 18, but the agency says none of the others are yet proven to alleviate pediatric depression.

Lack of benefit in the face of possible risk led to Britain's warning that SSRIs other than Prozac are unsuitable for children. Here, FDA still is analyzing the research; it hopes to have recommendations by summer.

"Obviously there are many pediatric psychiatrists who believe in these drugs, but definitive advice on what to do is still pending," says Dr. Russell Katz, FDA's chief of neurological drugs. "Now, we can only say use them with caution."

For 18-year-old Jame Tierney of Kernersville, North Carolina, that's not enough warning. Next Monday, Jame will tell the FDA that fury and thoughts of suicide consumed her while taking Effexor - an experience her family wants the government to pay special heed to because Jame wasn't depressed when she started the drug at age 14. It was prescribed for migraine headaches.

A year of the starting dose induced some jitteriness. But when the headaches returned and the doctor doubled the dose, Jame's parents say their daughter went from a sweet, popular honor student to a raging loner.

"I hated my family, my friends and most of all myself," Jame says, describing screaming fits and hard-to-control impulses such as once lightly cutting her wrist with a razor until the pain stopped her.

Effexor maker Wyeth Pharmaceuticals wrote doctors in August to warn that while a cause-and-effect isn't certain, its studies show more suicide-related thinking in children taking the drug than those given dummy pills, including a 2 percent incidence of hostility.

The debate elicits strong emotions.

"The aim is to do no harm. Leaving it (depression) untreated is not 'doing no harm,'" says Dr. Graham Emslie of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

He co-chaired a task force of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology that last week declared evidence that links SSRIs to suicide is too weak to justify not using them. The group points to evidence that suicides have dropped as SSRI use increased around the world, and to autopsy studies that show most suicides hadn't taken an anti-depressant, or the right dose, just before their deaths.

On the other side, critics claim SSRIs sometimes cause agitation and urgent anxiety, called akathisia, that could make certain people suicidal.

Presidential candidates speak out on abortion

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) Presidential hopeful John Kerry on Monday called himself the only Democrat in the race who hasn't "played games" on the abortion issue.

Kerry, campaigning for votes in New Hampshire's leadoff primary Tuesday, repeated his pledge to appoint to the Supreme Court only those who would support abortion rights.

Each of the seven major candidates for the Democratic nomination supports the right to abortion. President Bush, however, supports abortion only in cases of rape or incest or when a woman's life is endangered.

Kerry's closest competitor, Howard Dean, has said he would choose judicial nominees who support constitutional privacy protections, which includes abortion rights. Their rival Dennis Kucinich also holds that view.

"I'm the only candidate running for president who hasn't played games, fudged around," said Kerry, a Massachusetts senator. "If you believe that choice is a constitutional right, and I do, and if you believe that Roe v. Wade is the embodiment of that right ... I will not appoint a justice to the Supreme Court of the United States who will undo that right."

At the same time, Kerry dismissed worries that he is vulnerable to being labeled just another liberal by Bush and other Republicans if he were the party's nominee.

"If the worst they can say about me is that I'm a liberal or something, bring it on," he said. "I'll take that anywhere in the country."

National Briefs

P. Diddy jury selection

NEW YORK (AP) Jury selection began Monday in a court case against Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, whose former chauffeur contends the rap mogul and a bodyguard forced him to speed away from the scene of a 1999 nightclub shooting.

State Supreme Court Justice Harold Beeler issued a gag order, telling the lawyers not to discuss the case with reporters.

Wardel Fenderson, 45, "was afraid that if he stopped (the car), he was going to be hurt by somebody in the car, and if he didn't, he was going to be hurt by the police," his attorney, Lawrence Bernstein, told the Daily News for Monday's editions.

Fenderson is suing for $3 million; he's also filed claims against Combs' company, Bad Boy Entertainment, and Combs' bodyguard, Anthony Jones, who died in a November shooting in Atlanta.

Combs and former girlfriend Jennifer Lopez, who was present at the Dec. 27, 1999, shooting inside Club New York, have been subpoenaed to testify.

A spokeswoman for Combs said the lawsuit was an attempt to cash in on Combs' celebrity, the News reported.

Combs was acquitted in March 2001 of gun possession and bribery charges from the shooting, in which three people were injured. Rapper Jamaal "Shyne" Barrow was convicted of assault, reckless endangerment and weapons charges in the case.

Theif cuts off own finger

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) A robber cut off his own pinkie finger by mistake when his gunman accomplice got into a struggle with one of their victims, police said Monday.

No shots were fired, the stabbing victim was airlifted to a hospital, and both robbers remained at large.

"I guess in the violent act of stabbing this guy, somehow he accidentally cut his finger off," said Miami-Dade police spokesman Robert Williams. "With people that use a knife, sometimes they do cut themselves in the course of trying to stab another individual."

Jonathan Johnson, 22, was hospitalized in stable condition with several wounds, police said. His companion Charles Wright, 33, was uninjured.

Both were walking down an alley before dawn Sunday when the gunman demanded their belongings. The second robber jumped into the fray from a hiding place when Johnson struggled. The robbers fled in a pickup truck.

Charter school to teach Arabic

ATLANTA (AP) A proposed Fulton County elementary school would require pupils to learn Arabic, a language considered one of the most difficult for English speakers to learn.

A group of parents and educators have targeted the Amana Academy for the initiative. With school board approval, the group hopes to attract several hundred pupils to the charter school in August. Pupils would begin learning Arabic in kindergarten.

While difficult to learn, a knowledge of Arabic has been increasingly important in an age of heightened national security and global awareness, said Elizabeth Webb, the state's coordinator for foreign language education.

Only two public schools in Georgia feature Arabic, including North Atlanta High School, where it is taught as part of a college preparatory program.

Mob boss denied appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) Sammy the Bull won't get to air his beef at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The justices did not comment Monday in turning down an appeal from the former Mafia hit man and mob turncoat, who wants to reclaim more than $380,000 in royalties from a book about his life.

"Underboss: Sammy the Bull Gravano's Story of Life in the Mafia" was a best seller when published in 1997. Salvatore Gravano cooperated with author Peter Maas in return for a share of royalties.

A court in Arizona, where Gravano is serving a 20-year prison term for his role in a drug syndicate, had ruled that prosecutors fairly seized royalties from the book.

Gravano argued that his free-speech rights were violated.

"The court's protocol for treating royalties from an expressive work as the proceeds of crime involves the state in a form of censorship that is repugnant to the First Amendment," Gravano's lawyer argued in his Supreme Court appeal.

Gravano, 57, was underboss of New York's Gambino family under John Gotti.

Gravano confessed to 19 murders nearly 10 years ago as part of a deal with federal prosecutors to implicate Gotti, his longtime friend and mentor, and more than three dozen other mobsters.

Record federal deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) The federal deficit will hit a record $477 billion this year and get worse if lawmakers cut taxes or increase spending, the Congressional Budget Office projected Monday in a report sure to become ammunition in the election-year fight over red ink.

In its annual wintertime economic outlook, lawmakers' nonpartisan fiscal analyst also estimated that the deficit would ease to $362 billion in 2005, according to numbers obtained by The Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL

Human Rights Watch denies justification for war in Iraq

LONDON (AP) The war in Iraq cannot be justified as an intervention in defense of human rights even though it ended a brutal regime, Human Rights Watch said Monday, dismissing one of the Bush administration's main arguments for the invasion.

While Saddam Hussein had an atrocious human rights record and life has improved for Iraqis since his ouster, his worst actions occurred long before the war, the advocacy group said in its annual report. It said there was no ongoing or imminent mass killing in Iraq when the conflict began.

President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair cited the threat from Saddam's alleged weapons of mass destruction as their main reason for attacking Iraq. But as coalition forces have failed to find evidence of such weapons, both leaders have also highlighted the brutality of the regime when justifying military intervention.

Human Rights Watch, however, rejected such claims.

"The Bush administration cannot justify the war in Iraq as a humanitarian intervention, and neither can Tony Blair," executive director Kenneth Roth said.

Atrocities such as Saddam's 1988 mass killing of Kurds would have justified humanitarian intervention, Roth said.

"But such interventions should be reserved for stopping an imminent or ongoing slaughter," he added. "They shouldn't be used belatedly to address atrocities that were ignored in the past."

The 407-page Human Rights Watch World Report 2004 also said the U.S. government was applying "war rules" to the struggle against global terrorism and denying terror suspects their rights. It suggested that "police rules" of law enforcement should be applied in such cases instead.

"In times of war you can detain someone summarily until the end of the war and you can shoot to kill. And those are two powers that the Bush administration wants to have globally," Roth said. "I think that's very dangerous."

Human Rights Watch criticized the United States for detaining 660 so-called "enemy combatants" without charges at a U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most of the detainees were captured in Afghanistan.

"The administration's actions display a perilous belief that, in the fight against terrorism, the executive is above the law," the report said.

Government officials have said the lengthy detentions are vital to intelligence-gathering and that the information gleaned from prisoners has led to arrests around the world.

The New York-based group further said that European and other governments were ignoring human rights abuses in the conflict in Chechnya, which Russia characterizes as its contribution to the global war on terror.

Afghaninstan's post-Taliban constitution signed into effect

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) In an atmosphere of optimism, President Hamid Karzai signed Afghanistan's post-Taliban constitution into effect Monday - putting into law its pledges of equal rights in hopes of bringing the splintered country together and ending the reign of violence here after years of war.

However, U.S. airstrikes against suspected insurgents in the tense eastern border region, the latest in a string of violent incidents that have killed 60 people in the last few weeks, underscored just how far Afghanistan has to go.

Calling out a triumphant "Congratulations!" to Afghan leaders who helped draw up the 162-article constitution, Karzai signed a decree making it the nation's supreme law in a ceremony at the Foreign Ministry. Dignitaries including former King Mohammed Zaher Shah, Cabinet ministers, foreign diplomats and military officers applauded.

In his decree, read by an aide, Karzai prayed the document would bring "prosperity for all and will ensure peace, equality and brotherhood" among the country's feuding ethnic groups.

Ratified Jan. 4 after a sometimes bruising debate at a 500-member loya jirga, or grand council of representatives from across the country, the text also declares men and women equal before the law - a victory for human rights advocates. The constitution also marks a strict departure from the harsh version of Islamic law enforced by the Taliban, who were ousted from power by U.S.-led forces more than two years ago.

The constitution outlines a tolerant, democratic Islamic republic under a strong presidency - as sought by Karzai, with strong backing from Washington - a two-chamber parliament and an independent judiciary.

It also recognizes minority language rights, though gives few powers to its far-flung provinces. Some also warn it could give too much power to religious hard-liners in the supreme court.

The United States welcomed the constitution as a "turning point" that would help return the rule of law to a land still dominated unruly warlords and armed faction leaders.

"We are witness to a major milestone in putting behind the era of the rule of the gun," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said in a statement.

Observers hope the constitution will inject new momentum to efforts by U.N. and NATO-led peacekeepers to disarm militias and return tens of thousands of fighters to civilian life.

Karzai also hopes the constitution will help him build a state strong enough to stand up to Taliban insurgents and their allies, who appear determined to overshadow his triumph.

More than 60 people have been killed in violence in the past three weeks - including 15 civilians, most of them children, who died in a Jan. 6 bombing in the southern city of Kandahar.

International Briefs

Aussies party hardy

PERTH, Australia (AP) Dozens of people were hospitalized late Monday as hot temperatures and alcohol took their toll on a celebration of Australia's national day in this western city, ambulance staff said.

Peter Burton, a spokesman for the ambulance service in Perth, said at least 75 people were hospitalized and hundreds more treated by ambulance staff - mainly as a result of fighting, drinking and high temperatures that reached 34 degrees Celsius (93.2 F).

Fights broke out around a fireworks show staged by the city to mark Australia Day which attracted hundreds of thousands of spectators.

Police said there were at least two serious brawls in the city and a stabbing. The conditions of those hospitalized were not immediately available.

Some people stake out prime viewing spots for the show up to a day in advance.

There was no immediate word on the number of arrests.

Australia Day, held each Jan. 26, marks the anniversary of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers - mainly British convicts - in Australia.

Rocket explodes near base

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A rocket landed Monday night near coalition headquarters in the U.S.-controlled area of Baghdad known as the "green zone" but caused no injuries or damage, the U.S. military said.

The rocket fell in an open parking lot near the Republican Palace used by top U.S. officials in Iraq, a coalition official said on condition of anonymity. The U.S. command said there were no casualties or damage to equipment.

That explosion was preceded by the sounds of two smaller blasts, but their origin was unclear.

After the blasts, sirens went off in the green zone and a recorded message broadcast over loud speakers urged people to "take cover."

The rocket exploded near the helicopter landing zone for the palace used by America's top civilian official in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, and senior coalition staff, the official said.

The attack occurred three days after a U.N. security assessment team arrived in Baghdad to determine whether it is safe for the United Nations to return its international staff to Iraq.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan withdrew international staff from Baghdad last year following two vehicle bombings against agency headquarters, including the Aug. 19 attack that killed 22 people, including top U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Building collapes in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) A burning 12-story building collapsed in a Cairo suburb Monday night, trapping firefighters inside, the Middle East News Agency reported.

There was no immediate word on the number of casualties. The agency said rescuers were working to "save citizens who can be saved."

MENA said the building fell while firefighters were trying to put out a huge fire that broke out on the lower floors, where offices are located. Some firefighters were trapped, the agency said.

The building is in Nasr City, an eastern suburb of the Egyptian capital near the airport. The area is home to many high-rise residential buildings and shopping areas.

Building collapses are common in Egypt and are often caused by shoddy construction or the unauthorized building of extra stories.

The last such incident was May 4, when a seven-story apartment building collapsed in Cairo, killing at least seven people.

Murder charges

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) A 24-year-old German man who killed one of his colleagues with a samurai sword last year and injured three others has been charged with murder and attempted murder, prosecutors said Monday.

The man, who has not been identified, burst into a mail-order warehouse in the southwestern town of Pforzheim where he worked last Sept. 16 and began swinging the sword at his fellow employees.

A 27-year-old woman from Lithuania was killed on the spot after the man hit her in the forehead with the sword. Three other women suffered injuries to their shoulders and arms.

The assailant then locked himself in a restroom, where he slashed his arms before police found and arrested him.

Prosecutors said the man had been found fit to face trial. He could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted of murder.

No date was set for the court proceedings.

Nuclear negotiations

MOSCOW (AP) Russian and Japanese diplomats on Monday discussed prospects for the second round of six-way talks on North Korea's nuclear program and agreed to push for holding it next month, a news agency reported.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov said after the talks with his Japanese counterpart Hitoshi Tanaka that "it would be desirable to hold the second round in February," the Interfax news agency reported.

Russia has been pushing for the second round of six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear program to begin soon. The talks involve North Korea, South Korea, the United States, China, Russia and Japan.

The first round of negotiations ended without much success in Beijing last year.

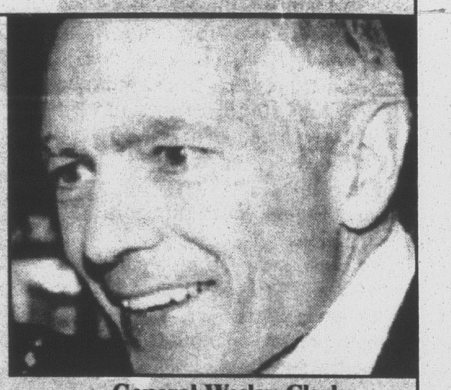
The nuclear standoff flared in October 2002, when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted to running a secret nuclear program in violation of international agreements. That allegation has drawn repeated North Korean denials.

Meet the Candidates...

by Jessica Bevan
A&E and Layout Editor

Months of preperation will culminate next Thursday and Friday at the 2004 Democratic Mock Convention. While most of the convention's executive committee will remain behind the scenes, five students have the opprotunity to take center stage, giving speeches and debating on behalf of the candidates they represent.
Seniors Andrew Huston and Ashleigh Oram, sophomore Heather Kydd, and first year students John Knapp and Colby King are serving as campaign managers for five of the Democratic Presidental candidates.
Keynote speaker Paul Begala will join the campaign managers on stage Thursday night. State delegates will cast their votes for the Presidental nominee Friday night.

Ashleigh Oram



General Wesley Clark

Name: Ashleigh Marshall Oram
Class: Senior
Major: Political Science

What about the convention made you want to participate? I have always had an interest in politics and have been proactive since high school in the local, county and state levels. This is such a unique opportunity I just had to get involved!

Why did you choose to represent your candidate? I have been following Wesley Clark from about the time I was a freshman (most notably during my International Politics class' study of NATO and international relationships). I did my Senior Capstone on the Human Cost of War in Yugoslavia; and as he was the Supreme Allied Commander in the mid-to-late 1990's he played a crucial role in NATO's involvement in the Kosovar region and the removal of the (Slobodan) Milosevic regime. I feel his life experience, honesty and abilities really separate him from the rest of the candidates.

Is there any part of your candidate's platform that you feel the most strongly about? Absolutely! I feel stronly about almost all aspects of his platform as they're well-structured and offer a rather concise solution to many of the problems facing America on the international and domestic whole. I am most drawn to his committment to repeal the suffocating Patriot Act; his Federal Income Tax plan and the removal of our troops in Iraq.

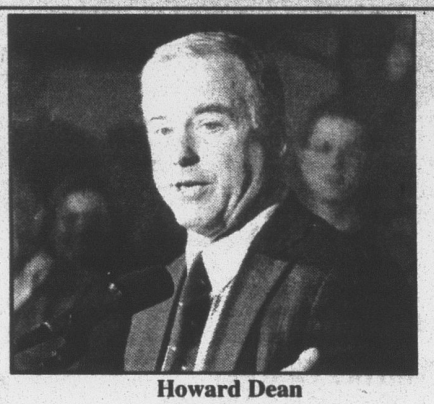
What, if anything, do you disagree with? While no candidate is perfect, I feel that Wes. Clark is pretty close. If I could see him develop anything more strongly I would like to see his plans for the furthering of Education and Health Care by cutting Pentagon costs. Overall, he seems adamant about these changes (which I support) but I'd like to see how it will logistically and practically pan out over the 4-year term.

After last week's State of the Union address by President Bush, was there anything in your candidate's platform that you felt might need re-evaluated? Absolutely not. I am continually disappointed and apalled by President Bush on his actions (and inactions) on almost all of the domestic and foreign affairs of this nation. If anything, it made me feel more strongly that Democrats must work together to remove this administration from office.

Have there been any highlights during your participation so far? I have really enjoyed the debates above all else. I also have had the oppotunity to have some great conversation with others about the changes we'd like to see in our country's future. Educating myself on my candidate and listening to others has given me more respect for different opinions (my Republican friends, you know who you are) and has allowed me to be open to more ideas.

Anything you're especially looking forward to in the next week or so? The Convention!!! I am so excited for next week as a lot of campaigning and planning will finally come to fruition.

Andrew Huston



Howard Dean

Name: Drew Huston
Class: Senior
Major: Political Science, Theatre Minor

What about the convention made you want to participate? I had gotten interested in Howard Dean, and I had heard about the Mock Convention from older students ever since my Freshman year. I have always loved speaking and debating in front of a group of people, and this was something that I have wanted to do for a while now. In fact, that is the reason why I didn't try for an executive position - I'm too opinionated to stay objective, and I love arguing too much!

Why did you choose to represent your candidate? Like I said, I was previously very intrigued by Howard Dean because of how different he is from the other candidates. He's not your typical "polished politician." People are probably pretty familiar with the things he has said that have come back to haunt him - but what I find so refreshing about Dean is the fact that he's NOT SCARED to say those kind of things. He won't just give the safe answer, he'll tell you what he really, honestly thinks. I think he's very inspiring, he has gotten thousands upon thousands of people who have never voted before interested in politics, and they will be voting this year because of him. He's calling people to action, and it's working. He's genuine, he's idealistic (but he is idealistic in a way that will actually get things done - unlike some other candidates, he doesn't have unrealistic aspirations - he effectively reaches for the stars, while keeping his feet firmly on the ground). I guess you can see that I could talk about him for a long time!

Is there any part of your candidate's platform that you feel the most strongly about? I think Howard Dean's record on many points is very impressive, but the portion of it that I feel the most strongly about is Howard Dean's committment to equality under the law, particularly in the GLBT community. I also really think that his Health Care plan is the only one that could be possible with a Conservative Republican-dominated Congress.

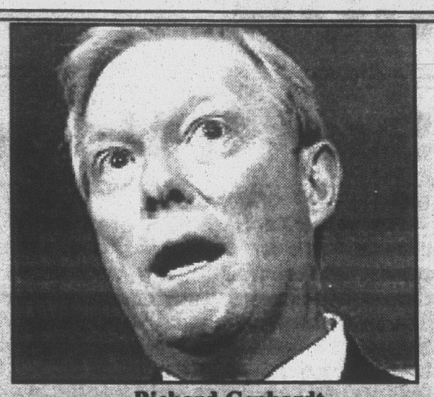
What, if anything, do you disagree with? I don't necessarily agree with Affirmative Action as much as Dr. Dean does, but I respect his opinions on the matter.

After last week's State of the Union address by President Bush, was there anything in your candidate's platform that you felt might need re-evaluated? On the contrary, I think that Howard Dean's platform was actually justified and reinforced by the State of the Union. Bush gave one of the most biased speeches I have ever heard

Have there been any highlights during your participation so far? The debates have been a particular highlight for me - I love discussing the issues with different people, and hearing their points of view, and seeing if I can counter them. It's good fun, and I hope the others are having as much fun as I am.

Anything you're especially looking forward to in the next week or so? Actually, my campaign is going to be working on a special event in the Student Lounge very soon, so look for posters advertising the event!

Heather Kydd



Richard Gephardt

Name: Heather Kydd
Class: Sophomore
Major: Political Science

What about the convention made you want to participate? When I first applied to Westminster, I read about the convention held in 2000 and though it seemed incredibly interesting. I love being involved in situations where I can be a part of educating people on important issues.

Why did you choose to represent your candidate? I chose Richard Gephardt because he is the most consistent, honest, experienced, and dignified of the candidates. I knew that in representing him, I wouldn't have to answer for scandals or lies because he has always held honest beliefs and followed through with the best intentions.

Is there any part of your candidate's platform that you feel the most strongly about? I agree strongly with his plan regarding the environment and making the U.S. free of the reliance we have upon foreign oil. By making the government lead by example, Gephardt would have over 1 million hybrid fuel efficient cars produced by 2010. Also, 10% of our energy would be from renewable resources within 10 years.

What, if anything, do you disagree with? There aren't any issues that I disagree with my candidate on at the current time.

After last week's State of the Union address by President Bush, was there anything in your candidate's platform that you felt might need re-evaluated? Gephardt's stance has always been a consistent one. To go changing the platform now would make him inconsistent and threaten the support he has gained by his steadfast character.

Have there been any highlights during your participation so far? I think the best part so far is to see how the managers of each candidate have interacted so well with eachother and together realize that this is about educating our campus and raising political awareness, not a popularity contest or insult fest. Each candidate has been so supportive of the others and that is the most impressive thing so far.

Anything you're especially looking forward to in the next week or so? I'm especially looking forward to the actual convention and giving my speech in front of the entire campus. It's exciting when people rally together, no matter who they support. Just the enthusiastic participation of students makes this all worth while.

Name: John Knapp
Class: First Year
Major: Political Science

What about the convention made you want to participate?

Growing up I always loved history, I guess it evolved into a certain love for politics. I know people who participated in the last convention, and I've heard nothing but great things about what's to gain from being a part of it. So I guess it's sort of a way to get involved with something I enjoy and to gain something from it, I'll only have this opportunity once, I might as well do it for the ride.

Why did you choose to represent your candidate? John Kerry is a pretty cool dude, his backround is something to admire. Afterall, he's an old man who likes to motorcylce, snowboard, and knows he can handle Bush in a one on one debate. I like that in a politician.

Is there any part of your candidate's platform that you feel the most strongly about? His education spending plan. Coming from a family where all the girls are teachers, I know how it feels for them to work hard everyday trying to help struggling students, only to come home and take the blame from angry parents whose kids aren't doing well at their own faults. I think its time to respect teachers, I think kerry understands this, thats why he wants to ensure that teachers get more pay, and kids understand the importance of their education.

After last week's State of the Union address by President Bush, was there anything in your candidate's platform that you felt might need re-evaluated? I watched the address and afterwards I felt that I could run the White House better than he is. I think that this administration is a very dangerous bunch, riddled with dangerous minds. To be honest I'm really frightened of this administration, they're too ignorant and thoughtless. I watch Kerry and I think he brings a certain light to this whole situation, he brings humility and elegance in his platform that wouldnt need changed for any purpose, it certainly didn't after the capture of Hussien, which scared Dean. Kerry took bullets in Vietnam, he took heat protesting against it when he got back, and he will take heat for his platform, regardless of how much is goes against the Bush platform.

John Knapp

John Kerry

Have there been any highlights during your participation so far? I guess so far I'd have to say the debates. It's fun to see how the others get all pumped on stage. The others are amazing speakers and they definitely have something to pursue in public speaking. I just have a blast relaxing in my seat as I casually explain to others the Kennedy-ness of John Kerry...if thats a word.

Colby Ross King

Dennis Kucinich

Name: Colby Ross King
Class: Freshman
Major: Personal Interdisciplinary

What about the convention made you want to participate? Why did you choose to represent your candidate?

I believe the mock convention is a wonderful opportunity for all of westminster's campus to become involved in the political system has built our nation. It offers the individuals here an opportunity to formulate their personal political views and test them by hearing arguments from all sides. I also think the mock convention will be an exciting event and it will feel a bit like the real convention this july.

I chose to represent Dennis because his campaign has truly inspired me, not only because I agree with the arguments he makes about the various issues, but also because he has given me hope that a few people still stand for ideals instead of popularity. I identify with just about every aspect of his platform. Of course, it was more difficult to represent Dennis than another candidate because I had to petition to have him included, but I feel that has made the experience even more worthwhile. Although he is an "underdog" candidate, he is standing up for a lot of issues that are important to discuss.

Is there any part of your candidate's platform that you feel the most strongly about? What, if anything, do you disagree with?

I agree the most with his plan to cancel NAFTA and withdraw from the WTO to reestablish fair trade agreements based on fair environmental and human rights standards, and keep jobs in America. His health care plan is the only one that makes any sense to me because it is the only plan that takes health insurance companies (who make a profit by not providing health care) out of our nation's health system. I also agree with his plans to trim waste in pentagon spending and use that money for a public works program to rebuild our nation's infrastructure and reemploy Americans.

The one issue I disagree with Dennis about is flag burning. His love for our nation inspires him to argue that flag burning should not be allowed. However, I love our nation but think if you own the flag, it's your right to burn it. Free speech and the ability to criticize our leaders make this nation great.

After last week's State of the Union address by President Bush, was there anything in your candidate's platform that you felt might need re-evaluated?

No. Clearly, the Democratic Party needs to offer the American people an alternative to president Bush. After Bush's State of the Union, Dennis remains the best alternative to our president. Where Bush's health care is for-profit, Dennis's is not. Where Bush wants more money and more time spent in Iraq, Kucinich wants to bring UN troops in and then bring our troops home. Dennis has stood behind this platform for his entire campaign and will remain true to his "idealistic" values.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

I'm the first Rant and Rave of the new year.

Straight chillin?

I'm so glad sororities can be loud and obnoxious right where I'm studying...

I hope everyone realizes what an honor it was to have the monks here. Kudos to those responsible.

I sit at the info desk and go crazy for hours because of loud voices that don't disappear!

The insults of those who have insulted you, have fallen on me.

Has anyone else noticed that the bell tower dongs before it's done dinging?

You know you're a college student when you won't walk to class in a snow storm, but will walk three miles to a party in the same conditions and less clothing.

Mock Convention! Woo!

Is it sad I get excited when I see my old high school has a 2 hour delay?

It's the second week of school, already I'm stressing like it's finals time.

Rice-A-Roni, the San Franciso treat. Saute and simmer, the seasonings can't be beat.

Peanut butter jelly and a baseball bat.

You know you're getting old when snow becomes a menace instead of a blessing.

I wanna go sled riding.

It's warm! Ok, who am I fooling?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Suck It Up and Get Up

With the beginning of the new semester comes the reemergence of one of history's age-old struggles. David vs. Goliath, Martin Luther King vs. the man, communism vs. capitalism, Bush vs. multi-syllabic words, the Real World vs. Road Rules, and last but not least, the college student vs. morning classes.

And the Pennsylvania State University has surrendered the battle.

Students have always had a deep-rooted hatred for anything involving the term "early," excluding of course the perpetual weekend that starts early on Thirsty Thursday and doesn't end until the last keg is empty. And for students who have a regular bedtime at 4 in the morning, 8 a.m. classes are simply not a viable option for their night crawler lifestyles.

The Penn State administration has not only recognized this trend among its students, but has chosen to respond accordingly. President Graham Spanier proposed reducing the number of 8 a.m. classes at University Park over a year ago, and progress has been made toward the initiative for 2004.

The argument is that if students do not like scheduling morning classes, why make so many available? Spanier feels that catering toward students' daily routines by offering later classes is a necessary step in achieving his goal of creating a more "student-centered" university.

So by reducing early morning classes, all the administration is really doing is keeping the students' best interest at heart, right? That's really sweet of you, Penn State. But while we wipe away tears of joy from our eyes as professors and students join hands in harmonious song, let's cut through the warm fuzzies get to the real issue at hand.

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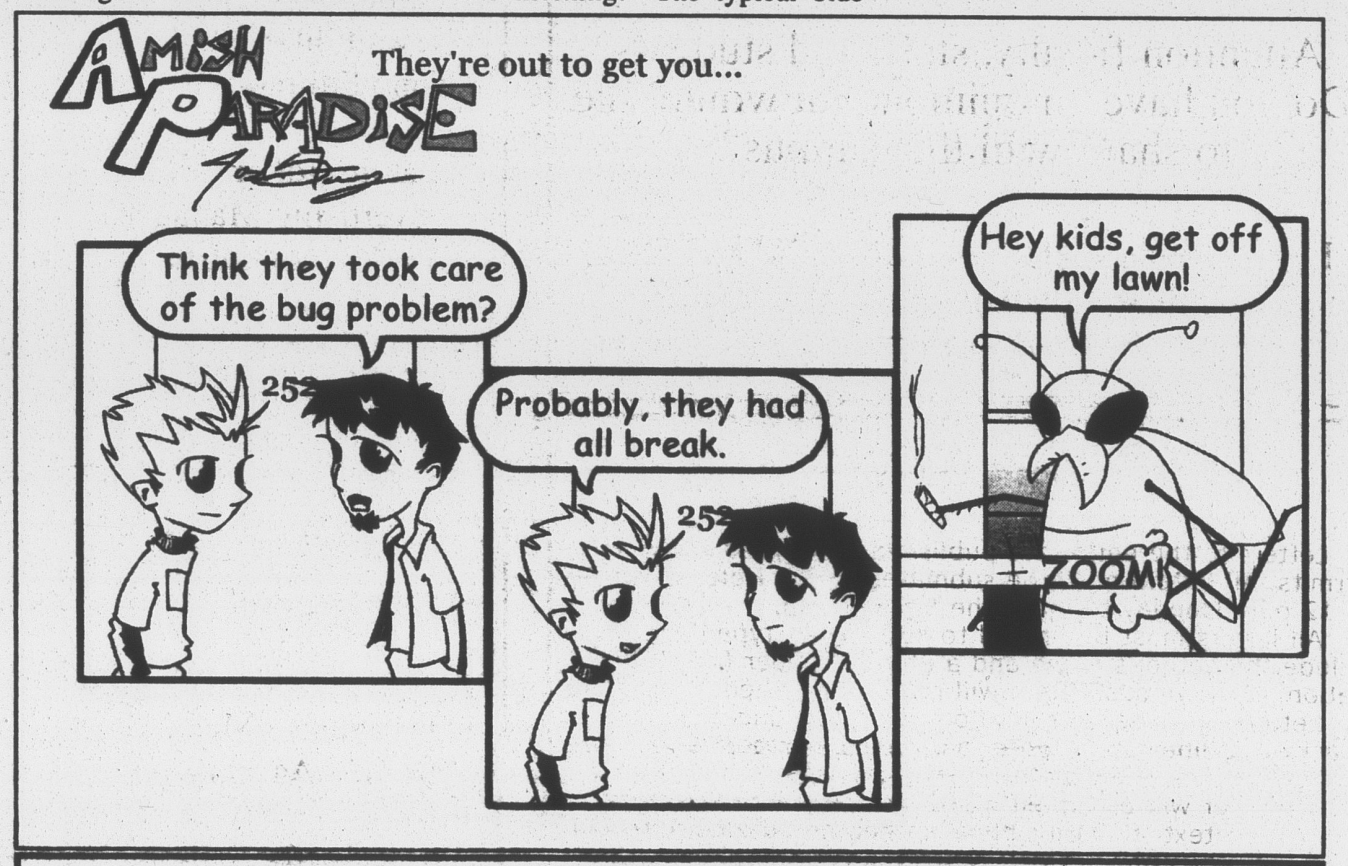
The purpose of a college education is to prepare students for the "real world." And not the fun kind of real world, where seven attractive strangers with obvious personal hang-ups live together in a house out of an IKEA catalog and "find themselves" by going out to clubs every night and making out in hot tubs.

No dear friend, the real world is sadly nothing like that at all. In the real world, people have careers. They go to bed at night and they wake up, surprisingly, in the morning! The typical blue-collar workday runs from 9 to 5, so if you do your math, the typical blue-collar worker must set his or her alarm for 7 a.m. This of course accommodates the morning commute to work, since rolling straight out of bed to make the arduous 5 to 10 minute walk to class in the morning is not a feasible option.

So as much as we college students like to view life after graduation as a mere myth, the truth is that it is coming a lot faster than we all think. Why then should we be coddled in college only to be abruptly catapulted out into a world that actually has signs of life before noon?

Believe it or not, waking up early in the morning really isn't that horrible. You can experiment with various kinds of breakfast cereal, develop a taste for Starbucks coffee and actually lead a much more productive day. The sense of accomplishment you feel when completing work before lunch is enough motivation to get you through til dinner, and at the end of the day, you will actually want to go to bed at a decent time so you're not exhausted the next morning. It's shocking. It's unbelievable. It's growing up.

So to the snooze-button lovers of college land, schedule in an 8:10 class next semester, and there may be hope for you yet.



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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

For some strange reason, I feel I should explain why I petitioned for Dennis Kucinich to be represented in the Mock Convention.

Well...Dennis is the only candidate that actually voted against the war, and refused to be misled, by President Bush, into believing we would find Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. Because of his efforts against the war in Iraq, he won the 2003 International Gandhi Peace Prize. He is also the only candidate with a detailed plan to bring the UN into Iraq and bring our troops home. I felt it was important for Westminster students and faculty to have an opportunity to learn this about Dennis.

Dennis is the only candidate that wants to cut wasteful portions of the Pentagon budget and use that money to develop a new public works program to reemploy Americans and rebuild our infrastructure. Portions of that money would also be used to improve education by hiring more teachers, and paying for free education, Pre-K through College. Also, Dennis is the candidate with the highest AFL-CIO "right" voting record (98%), and he is the only candidate who understands that unfair trade agreements like NAFTA will not be improved until they are canceled. I felt it was important to offer Westminster students and faculty the opportunity to know that.

The United States is the only industrialized country in the world that does not provide every one of its citizens with health care. Only Dennis offers a universal, not-for-profit health care plan that covers every citizen at less cost then the current system. Every other plan offered by every other candidate allows insurance companies to continue to profit by not providing care. I felt it was important for Westminster students and faculty to hear that argument.

When I petitioned, many argued that Dennis (who, by the way, has successfully defeated incumbent republicans, who had more money, three times in republican districts) is not "electable". However, if the Democrats want to offer the American people a clear alternative to President Bush in November, then they need to offer a candidate who stands for not-for-profit health care, a public works program, increased spending in education, cancellation of NAFTA, full GLBT rights, improved international relations, and a clean environment, because President Bush does not. I wanted Westminster students and faculty to have the opportunity to see that Dennis is the best alternative to President Bush.

Sincerely,
Colby King,
Dennis Kucinich Campaign Manager

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

LotR and Cold Mountain

by Tom Cyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Three Nods for the House with sand and fog,
Seven for Cold Mountain where hope is lost,
Ten for the Master, a surprise to us all,
And Eleven for the King who returned for us all.
In the land of New Zealand, where the Oscars will lie.
One Oscar for Picture.
One Oscar for Director.
One Oscar to reward them all and in DVD combine them.
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Needless to say the Oscar nominations are out and with some surprise picks, some final redemption, and a pirate who will take the whole thing, this should be an exciting and fulfilling month for movie fans. But as you may have guessed our prediction for the top two prizes will go to the best movie of the winter: The Return of the King.

The Return of the King opens not where The Two Towers left off, but finally explaining the Smeagol/Gollum background with a wonderful opening. This sets Return of the King somewhat on it's own as a story, and it has been said that this film can actually stand on its own as a wonderful film, not just the final installment of a trilogy. To give none of the story away, we see the conclusion of the activities in Middle Earth, as our heroes fight for what is best for the land in hopes of defeating the Dark Lord and his conquest to rule. To go into more detail about the story would be a horrid move on our part because even if you have read the book seeing it on the big screen is a whole new, magical experience.

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The direction is amazing and shows that even though Peter Jackson filmed all three movies at once, he never stopped perfecting his craft during the journey, and delivers his best work yet. Howard Shore once again sets the mood with a wonderful score and the actors all shine, especially Sean Astin, who controls most of the Frodo/Sam story.

Plain and simple go see this movie. It not only rules the box office, but it rules all other movies this year and stands high even when compared to the other two films. Our generation now has its epic, its Gone With the Wind, its Star Wars. On its own, Return of the King is an A and a piece of cinema gold. Compared to another trilogy ender this year, Matrix Revolutions, well, it's an A++.

Another grand epic released this holiday season was Cold Mountain, based on the best-selling Charles Frazier novel. The beauty of Frazier's novel is directly transferred onto the screen behind the careful and guided direction of Oscar-winning director Anthony Minghella.

The film stars Jude Law as Inman, a soldier for the confederacy who decides to return to his home rather than fight. He wants to return to Cold Mountain and the girl he left behind, Ada (Nicole Kidman). Ada, meanwhile, is trying to maintain her farm after her father passes away and must rely on the help of Ruby (Renee Zellweger), a backwoods redneck and nature expert.

The movie jumps back and forth from Inman's to Ada's stories as they eventually come together for an amazing finale. The film contains many memorable characters, as it depicts the lives of those living in the South, as the war became lost.

Being an adamant fan of the book, I (Tom) was extremely excited about this film and it did not disappoint. Minghella has created a film that perfectly understands Frazier's characters and the time period in which it takes place. The movie is balanced between multiple genres, as it is not directly a war movie, but not directly a romantic weeper. This film is genuinely a unique picture with an astounding technical crew and cast. Law carries a majority of this film as he journeys back to Cold Mountain through treacherous conditions.

Kidman is in fine form, but it is Zellweger who steals the show. As the backwoods Ruby, she hits every right note and brings the character from the book directly to life.

Her comic relief is greatly welcome, but it is when the true emotions of Ruby come spilling out that she become the true heart of this picture. She is the favorite and will likely win the Academy Award for this performance. Sadly, the film was shut out of the nominations for best picture at the Oscars, but that does not diminish the success of this film, which receives a solid A for its fine adaptation. Go see the movie while you still can, and then read the book.

Golden Globe nods, duds and Oscar buzz

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Writing about entertainment is somewhat of a double-edged sword. There's so much to talk about, that sometimes it's hard to pin down a topic. However, since the awards season is upon us, I feel it is my duty to push other fun topics, such as Bennifer or some cool new bands, out of the way. Thus, I give you a recap of the Golden Globes.

As with most movie fanatics, I use the Golden Globes, along with the Screen Actor's Guild awards, to gauge my choices for the granddaddy of them all, Oscar. The winners of these awards, especially the surprises, usually go on to at least be nominated for an Academy Award.

"Cold Mountain" went into the ceremony with eight nods, the most for the evening. Of those nominated, including Nicole Kidman, and Jude Law for acting, Renee Zellweger came away with the statue for Best Supporting Actress, making it her third win in as many years (Best Actress, Musical or Comedy for "Chicago" in 2003 and for "Bridget Jones' Diary" in 2002.). I normally don't care for Renee, I'm not sure why, I just don't. However, she proves her worth in "Cold Mountain." It's unfortunate that such a great movie will be snubbed at the Oscars because it has the Harvey Weinstein and Miramax stamp on it.

The big winner for the night in the motion picture categories was Peter Jackson and "The Return of the King." The film won in all four of its categories - Best Original Song, Best Original Score, Best Director, and, Best Motion Picture, Drama. It was mentioned during the ceremony that these films are the only trilogy to be nominated annually for three years, which I think is a testament to Peter Jackson and his cast and crew. My only complaint - What was Elijah Wood thinking with that green velvet suit? Just not cute. Wait, I have a second complaint. I love Peter Jackson, but can someone get him a comb before the Oscars? Please?

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"Lost in Translation" writer and director Sophia Coppola continued in family tradition by taking the Best Original Screenplay honors, an award won by her father for the first "Godfather" film. Against my roommate's cheering for Johnny Depp, "Lost in Translation" star Bill Murray took home the Best Actor, Comedy or Musical.

Other winners for acting included Tim Robbins, Best Supporting Actor for "Mystic River;" Sean Penn, Best Actor, Drama for "Mystic River;" Diane Keaton, Best Actress, Musical or Comedy for "Something's Gotta Give;" and Charlize Thearon, Best Actress, Drama for "Monster."

HBO's "Angels in America" swept the TV categories for Mini-Series or TV Movie. In his acceptance speech, Best Supporting Actor winner Jeffrey Wright told two of his co-stars nominated in the same category "I share this with you. But I'll keep it at my house."

"Will and Grace" was 0-5 for the night, which I think is just a shame. As one of my favorite shows, I'm quite protective of it and therefore it should win everything. So there. Instead, some BBC America show called "The Office" won for best Comedy Series and Best Actor, Comedy Series. I was also surprised that the cast of "Friends" walked away empty-handed and "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker was the only winner from that show, with both being critical and sentimental favorites in their last seasons. Goes to show how much I know.

Look forward to Tom and Chris offering up their picks for Oscar winners. I'd make my own predictions, but those boys are the experts. Maybe next week I'll finally get around to pushing my music tastes onto fair Westminster.

Incubus New Album Exclusive

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Incubus' highly anticipated new album A Crow Left Of The Murder will be released Tuesday 14 February. While this may be somewhat of a biased article because Incubus is my favorite band, I also know way too much about the band and their music, so I can provide you with some valuable nerd-like incite into their new album.

Bass player Ben Kenny, who replaced former bassist Alex Katunich, is a huge addition, brings to the plate, from his background as a hip-hop bass player in the Roots, a funky bass style. His vocal harmonies with lead singer, Brandon Boyd, are also a welcome addition to the mix. You can definitely tell how much Mike Einziger as perfected his guitar playing technique over the years. He has gone from a typical guitar player to a well-respected, improvisational, funky, jazzy, experimental guitar wizard. While Incubus is known for intelligent, conscious, and poetic lyrics, a large portion of this album's lyrical content is much more overtly political than any album to date.

The album begins with some dissonant feedback and that flows into the album's first single Megalomaniac. I'm sure some of you have heard the single or seen the video, which, by the way, is an amazing piece of work by Floria Sigismondi that depicts what the song drives at in a more overt

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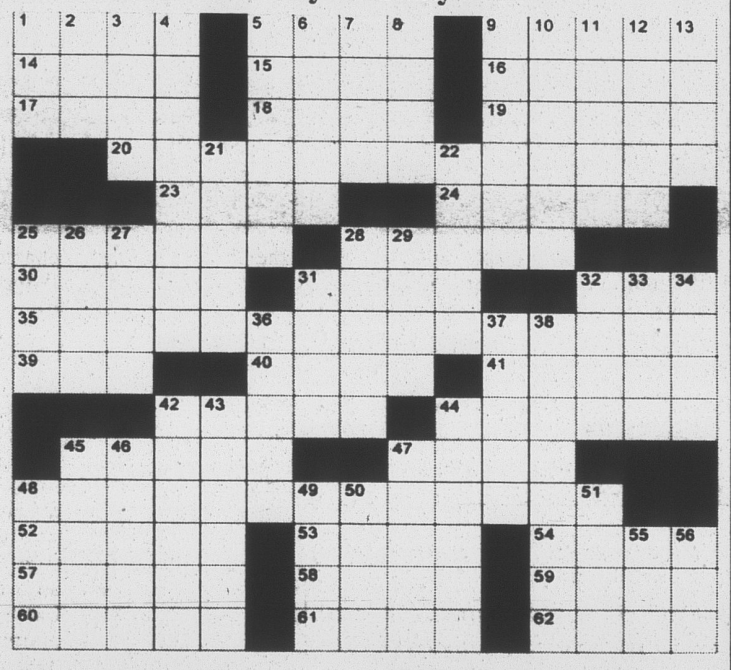
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Europe will never be like America. Europe is a product of history. America is a product of philosophy.

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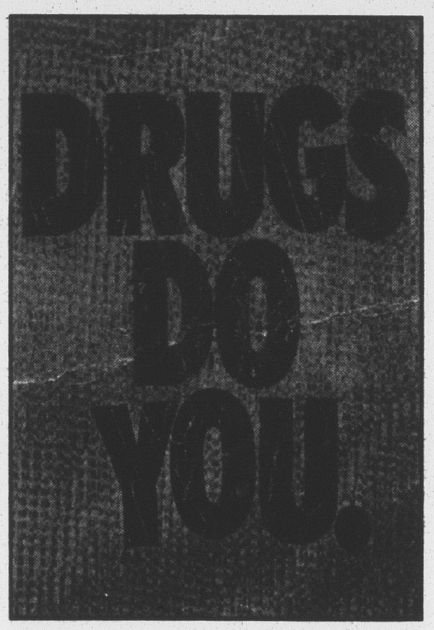


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
If you insist on perfection you will be in for considerable frustration. Be willing to relax your rather unreasonable standards, not everyone in your circle will live up to those expectations, no matter how hard they try.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
There are changes that need to be made at home. Even though your suggestions may not be met with enthusiasm, go ahead anyway, in the long run you'll be glad you pushed. Take time out for yourself, it is essential to your peace of mind.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Usual routines may be altered, due to unexpected situations that arise. Nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy and compassion at work, more will get accomplished this way instead of playing dictator. Act from your heart and not your head with love.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
A feeling of isolation may overtake you, so make the effort to reach out and touch someone. Relationship issues need to be attended to, so state your needs clearly. If you are feeling stuck at work, hang in there and the solution will appear with little effort at all.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Don't let your ego get the best of you, inducing you to do something really too risky at this point. If you want to advance at work, the time may not be quite right yet. You may experience an awakening in the near future which will affect your attitude.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Due to a stunning success in business, or if your love life is improving, you feel like you're sitting on top of the world. Enjoy it! You don't have to give up anything just because things are finally going your way for a change. Strive for the best.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Some negative feelings may arise during the week, from issues about trust and betrayal. There is more than hope, there is a real opportunity for success, but only if you are willing to embrace current changes with an open mind. Be willing to listen to others' ideas.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all of your dealings, especially in issues close to your heart. Do remember in all your interactions with others that the absolute truth is quite hard to come by. You have only your personal truth and limited perspective to work with.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Concerning your love life this week, pay attention to sexual attractions and go for someone who is safe and kind. Push yourself to the limit, for you will only kick yourself later if you fail to accomplish that which is within your grasp. Don't let soul searching get out of hand.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Do something extravagant this week. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time could be your biggest commodity. Take some time for yourself. Harmony at home will bring you a great deal of satisfaction. Review your investments to see if returns can be better.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It's time to talk about your need for independence within your closest relationships. Listen carefully to those words of love, and try to read between the lines. There are a number of things that you can't do alone. If help is not on the way, do the best you can and leave the rest for later.

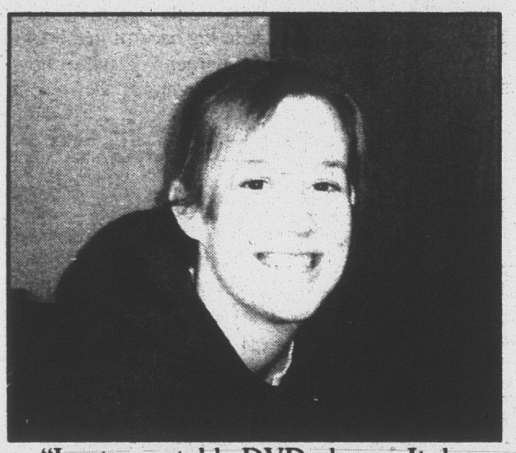
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Remove your emotional armor if you really want to get through to someone. Without such a willingness to show your own vulnerability, no one else will feel that they can trust you. The feelings that you have for someone right now are best kept secret; you'll have your chance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Most think of you as courageous and willing to jump into everything you do with zest and optimism. And you do tend to plunge in and risk dangers that others fear. This trait is definitely obvious concerning your career advancement, and sometimes in the romance department.

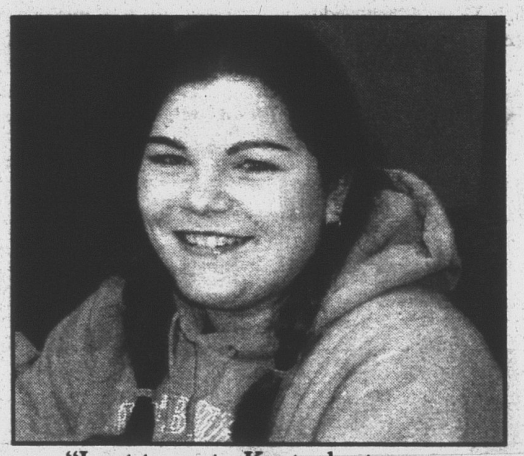
FEATURE

Question of the Week: Best gift this year?

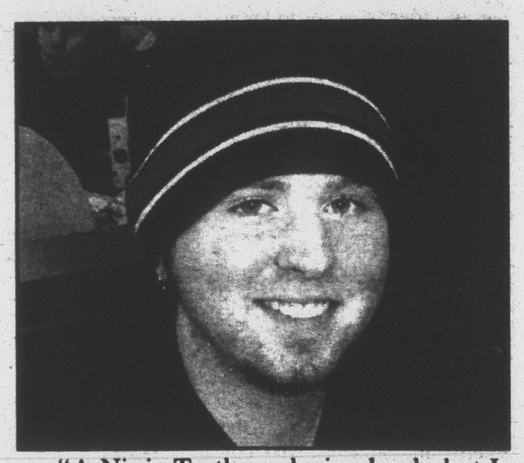
What was the best present you got this Christmas season?



"I got a portable DVD player. It doesn't really work right now."
- Lauren Beichner, Sophomore



"I got to go to Kentucky to see my family. It was a good present."
-Monica Habsburg, Sophomore



"A Ninja Turtles coloring book, but I left it at home."
-Nathan Lane, Sophomore

"My Captain Planet lunchbox from my roommate." **-Beth Randall, Sophomore**

"Surround sound for my room." **-Steve Franklin, Sophomore**

"Tickets to a Steelers game. They one they won 40-24." **-Brian Campbell, Sophomore**

"A winter coat."**- Terry Sammons, Career Center**

"Santa brought me a cell phone. Also, an album from a friend full of memories." **-Jess Henninger, Senior**

"I got a Mario Lemieux jersey from my boyfriend." **-Nikki Potocnak, Senior**

T-minus four months to "grown-up"

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

Well, the holidays are over and we're back on campus. The suitcases are unpacked, the computers hooked back up to the campus network, and our stomachs have once again accustomed themselves to school cafeteria food. What to do now?

The time of present-giving is over, and we're settling back into a schedule of classes and work and the rare creature known as sleep.

It's always rough settling into a schedule after a nice, long break. But it's even worse when the schedule you have to settle into is completely different from the last one you had.

This, I've discovered, is the ultimate downside to getting to plan your own classes - it's extremely rare to get the perfect schedule for you every semester. Sometimes you have to suck it up and just take that 7:40am class. Ick.

Last semester, I was so busy that I could easily keep track of everything with a simple day planner. I'm sure I'm not the only student on this campus who could go an entire day with nonstop work and collapse into bed at the end of it. Life was lived hour by hour, and was surprisingly simple because of it. But this semester is different, with a different schedule, and I find myself at a loss at where to begin it.

But what worries me even more is the date that looms over me from the horizon, far enough into the future to forget about it occasionally, but large enough in size to remind me of impending doom - that event that marks a new point in life - May 22, 2004. Graduation.

What worries me even more is the date that looms over me from the horizon, far enough into the future to forget about it occasionally, but large enough in size to remind me of impending doom...

I know that a lot of us are in the same boat in this. We've got one semester left of classes, and by the end of it, ideally, we'll have a job somewhere that will keep us on our feet.

That means we'll be independent, on our own, finally fully depending on ourselves and not our family. Packing up all our things from the rooms we lived in for so long and moving them into a new, unfamiliar room.

Am I the only one scared by this?

It's intimidating, yet similar to that ancient question from kindergarten: What do you want to be when you grow up? At age 5, grown-up is so very far away, and it's so easy to answer with astronaut, or president, or my personal favorite, Broadway star.

Now it's only four months ahead of us, and I find myself thinking about that question with a heavier dose of reality. I don't know what I'm going to be when I grow up anymore.

Wait, that's not true. I know what I like to do, and I'm glad that I came to school to learn it.

What do you want to be when you grow up? At age 5, grown-up is so very far away, and it's so easy to answer with astronaut, or president, or my personal favorite, Broadway star.

I don't regret taking certain classes, and if anything, I wish I could stay a few more years and pick up a few extra majors. These four years have been the best of my life, and after all of them, I do have some idea of what I want to be when I grow up.

After all, one must do what is most important to him (or her). And everyone has different ideas of a successful life. For me, I'll be successful when I'm living happily. That's all that matters to me, in the end. Doing what I like, and being happy with life.

I still have to find a job by the end of the semester, though. But I want to make sure it's something I like doing, and if it's not that, it's something that will help me get to where I want to be: happy with life.

Of course, that's my long-term (by 'long-term' I mean by the 'end of the semester', of course) goal. I have to actually get through the semester itself first. And that's the hard part.

Insert Angry Voice Here: "Takin' it to the streets"

by Drew Huston
News Editor

We're back at school, and there is a feeling in the air, a feeling of tremendous energy and excitement. There's the feeling of starting a new semester - new classes, new people and friends to get to know, new papers and projects due, new experiences, parties, jokes, happenings, events. And, if you listen very carefully, you might just be able to hear the "chicka-chicka-ching" of cash registers.

School is in session again, and everybody knows what that means - it's time for the school bookstore to make money. Gobs of it. This semester (due to an unfortunate miscalculation dealing with my requirements to graduate), I was forced to take 20 credits. No big deal, right? Well, I thought so, until the bill for my books came at the bookstore. Now, before I tell you all what that mind-numbing total was, I'll let you know that I have bought my books at Westminster every semester I've been here - there are many enterprising students who buy their books online, but, by-and-large, students buy them here. I reasoned that it wouldn't be a major difference in price, and that I should be okay money-wise.

The total that was given to me was $411.89. I was amazed. Never before had I been charged so much for my books. This has enraged me to such a point that I felt it necessary to write not only about the price of books, but about the bookstore's treatment of us, the students in general:

First off, I decided to analyze and compare the price of some books at our bookstore with that of the bookstores online (these aren't necessarily the books I had to buy this semester). Here's what I came up with:

1. Understanding Movies: Ninth Edition - Our Bookstore's Price: $62.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $61.33, Half.com's Price: $32.95.
2. American Foreign Policy Since World War II - Our Bookstore's Price: $45.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $44.95, Half.com's Price: $35.00
3. Learning and Memory: An Integrated Approach - Our Bookstore's Price: $100.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $34.91, Half.com's Price: $55.61
4. Abnormal Psychology - Our Bookstore's Price: $100.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $104.00, Half.com's Price: $80.00
5. Top Down Policymaking - Our Bookstore's Price: $24.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $22.95, Half.com's Price: $16.95
6. Behavior Principles in Everyday Life: Fourth Edition - Our Bookstore's Price: $77.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $81.00, Half.com's Price: $39.95
7. "Takin' it to the streets": A Sixties Reader - Our Bookstore's Price: $38.00, BarnesandNoble.com's Price: $37.95, Half.com's Price: $28.91

Now, keep in mind that Barnes & Noble gives you free shipping if you spend $25.00 or more, and Half.com ships books for a minimum fee. Clearly, in the majority of cases, you will save at least some money buying books elsewhere. Keep in mind also that all of the books listed here are the prices of new books, not used ones. Let's make a comparison of just one book - and see what our bookstore charges for it after it's been used.

The previously-mentioned book "Takin' it to the streets" was one that I bought used last semester. Little did I know that it had been used more than once - there were different highlighter marks of different colors and styles, and even some pen markings where there was already highlighting - it was obvious the book had had at least two owners before me. The bookstore felt it was fair to charge me $28.50 for this twice-used book. That's not even ten dollars less than they charged for the new book. Of course, I haven't performed a handwriting analysis of the highlighting in the book, nor am I going to. I'm using my instinct here, and cannot prove concretely that the book had more than one previous owner. However, my common sense tells me that it did. If that is the case, the bookstore made a substantial profit from this book.

Let's add up the totals: The school sold the book for $38.00, then again for $28.50, and then again for $28.50. The first time the book was sold, the bookstore didn't make as much profit. Let's say for the sake of argument that the total profit for the original sale was $8.00. So, the total profits for this one book equal $65.00. The bookstore has bought the book back for a total of $25.00 (again, I think I'm really giving them a lot of leeway here), so that cuts the profit down to $40.00. $40.00 of pure revenue for the bookstore for just one book. Think of all of the shelves that are in the back of that bookstore, ladies and gentlemen. Think of how many books are sold, bought, and then resold for a price that is much less fair. This same book, "Takin' it to the streets," sells for $25.65 used on BarnesandNoble.com, and for around $5.00 used on Half.com. Something smells funny about our bookstore's prices.

Furthermore, I recall when the TUB was first being constructed, the students were told that we would receive a new bookstore, with shelves in the back, so that we could get our own textbooks, and not have to wait in line for the staff to get them for us. I guess that was just a dream - the lines are still long, the waiting time is even longer, and the efficiency and convenience is even lower than it was when the bookstore was in Old 77.

Anyway, the moral of my story is this: If you can, buy your books. You'll get a better deal, you can sell your books online and get a higher return than you would at the bookstore, and you might even be treated better. I guess at the Westminster Bookstore, things truly are "Glorious, Grand, and True" - especially the prices.

No heart vs bleeding heart: War on Iraq

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

The invasion of Iraq: THE most controversial political topic of the year. Was it a good idea? Did we invade for the right reasons? Are we safer now because of it? Well, my skeptical classmates, it was, we did, and we are. Despite your love or absolute hatred for President Bush, I hope that by the end of this article, you will at least understand what a strategic and smart move the invasion of Iraq really was.

Let's start with my first question: Was it a good idea to invade Iraq? Liberals are always criticizing the decision of Republican leaders when it comes to foreign policy, claiming that we never help the countries that really need it. Well, here we are, triumphantly presiding over the creation of a democratic state, in the Middle East no less, and we still haven't done "the right thing." We saved the people of Iraq from a horrible dictator, and yet we're the bullies. Jeez, making a Democrat happy is like Bill Clinton being faithful to his wife - it's just never going to happen. Look, the point is, because of our actions, we have put a serious mark on the political structure of the Middle East. With the creation of a democratic Iraq, we are paving the way for a more stable political environment in an area that we have been entrenched in for the past 30 years. This is the first step in our departure as their crutch, doesn't that make you happy? Go ahead, do a little dance in celebration, I'll wait.

Moving on, did we invade for the right reasons, or in other words, did we invade for the reasons the President told us? I believe so. What kills me is that people trust the word of Saddam Hussein over President Bush and the CIA. Ok, this makes sense, let's believe the guy that has tortured, repressed, and murdered his own people for over 20 years. Let's believe the guy that we know for a fact lied to us and the United Nations in the past in regards to his possession of chemical weapons. Good choice. Well, naysayers would respond that our own weapons inspector, David Kay, has said that the President was misled on his intelligence, and that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Hold on there, are we forgetting his little retraction a few days later, in which he said they found evidence that Saddam destroyed chemical and biological weapons in the mid 1990s? If he was covering his arsenal tracks just a few years ago, who is to say he didn't do the same in the days before our invasion?

But let's face it, we Americans are selfish. We want to know what this war did for us. So are we safer because of the invasion of Iraq? Friends, we took out a man that has celebrated every American death or tragedy. He thought 9/11 was the best thing since the beret. He would have done anything to see our country fall to pieces on a world stage. This is apparent in his several videotapes sent during the invasion in which he told the Iraqi people to fight "the holy Jihad" against our American soldiers. So I think it's safe to say that Saddam was a threat. Many will point to the landmark 500 soldiers that have died in this conflict. Am I the only one who thinks this statistic is remarkable in a good way? Think of any battles we have fought in the past where the casualties were this low. The lone exception is the Persian Gulf War, but let's face it, we really didn't accomplish anything. We slapped Hussein's wrist, told him he was a bad boy and wasn't allowed any toys of mass destruction, and left him by himself to do as he pleased. Can we even count that as a victory?

In conclusion, Iraq was a good thing. The President has been criticized day after day for his decisions in foreign policy, but if you would only realize the effects of this invasion, both in short and long-term standards, you would truly know what he did for this country.

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

"Saddam Hussein had an advanced nuclear weapons development program...The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa. Our intelligence sources tell us that he has attempted to purchase high-strength aluminum tubes suitable for nuclear weapons production."

This quote was taken before the war in Iraq, during the Presidents 2003 State of the Union Address. Well it's a year later and we have not found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which WAS the main reason for sending us into a pre-emptive war that has killed hundreds of brave Americans soldiers. Thus the main reason for going to war was debunked, however, the administration has not apologized, but rather tried to fix lies with more lies! Let's explore the Iraq quagmire!

We were lied to when we were told that we are in a "Coalition of the Willing"; that the world powers supported us. Truthfully, we are in a coalition with Great Britain and a collection of countries that are at best "second rate". Our allies include such winners as Tonga, Uganda, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Honduras and Iceland. Additionally, it should be noted that MOST of these countries have provided nothing! No troops, no money, no military stations, nothing! However, in all fairness the mighty Morocco has graciously volunteered to give us 2000 trained monkeys to detonate land mines! Isn't it nice to have such winners on our side?

Well after it became clear that the WMD lie was fading and the coalition was a joke, the Bush Administration cooked up the idea that Saddam Hussein was connected to Al Qaida. After all, its easy to lump evil people all together; even if it doesn't make sense. The problem with this theory is that Saddam Hussein was a secular Arab dictator that paid little attention to the radical Islamic teachings of groups such as Al Qaida. Do we really think that a group dedicated to religious fanaticism will team up with a secular dictator who put down Islamic fundamentalism?

But soon the Al Qaida connection failed and the Bush Administration declared that we went to war in order to liberate Iraq (and its oil...) from an evil dictator. You will never-hear me argue that Saddam was a good leader, however, it should be noted that there are a lot of scummy leaders around the world; many that have WMDs (North Korea). And though many nations have poor human rights records, they are ignored by the US government; some are even embraced (ie China...). Come on George! Where is the continuity?

Anyways, we have yet to actually capture Osama Bin Laden, the mastermind behind the September 11 attacks! Saddam and Iraq never attacked us! Shouldn't we worry about capturing people who have actually attacked us? Perhaps the most disturbing facet of the war in Iraq is the political "can of worms" that is opened. We have gone to war with a country that never attacked us. We as Americans have always recognized this as dangerous. One of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln, when asked about pre-emptive wars said...

"Allow the President to invade a neighboring nation, whenever he shall deem it necessary to repel an invasion, and you allow him to do so, whenever he may choose to say he deems it necessary for such a purpose — and you allow him to make war at pleasure...If, today, he should choose to say he thinks it necessary to invade Canada, to prevent the British from invading us, how could you stop him? You may say to him, 'I see no probability of the British invading us' but he will say to you, 'Be silent; I see it, if you don't.'"

SPORTS

Men's Basketball opens PAC with wins

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

After a rocky start to the 2003-2004 campaign, the Westminster men's basketball team has opened the President's Athletic Conference season with three consecutive victories.

The Titans are 8-9 overall and undefeated at 3-0 in the PAC.

Over Christmas break, not only did the calendar change, but the image and philosophy of the Titan cagers has changed as well. In the first game of 2004, the Titans displayed a new fast paced offense in a 123-96 victory over Kalamazoo.

"The new system is a lot of fun. It allows a lot of guys to play and score a lot of points," junior forward Pat O'Connor said. "We have so many good three point shooters and we simply were not taking advantage of that in our first 10 games."

The Titans' fast-paced attack has been anchored by the three ball. In other words, the Titans have begun to utilize a line up that is highly adept at sinking the three-point field goal.

In the new year, the Titan hoopers have reeled off five straight victories, three of which over PAC opponents.

The Titans have defeated Thiel, Grove City, and Waynesburg. At 3-0 in the conference, the Titans sit atop the conference, tied with the Bethany Bison for first place.

Against the Thiel Tomcats, the Titans earned a 106-103 victory. It was the fourth time in five games that Titans have surpassed 100 points. Sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco led the way for the Titans, tallying a game-high 27 points.

Junior guard Ed Pagley (21), sophomore guard Brian Fadden (16), sophomore forward Dom Joseph (14), and sophomore forward Shane McCullough (10) joined DeMonaco in double figures.

In the second PAC contest, the Titans defeated the Grove City Wolverines, 91-86. DeMonaco again led the Titans in scoring, tallying 21 points.

Pagley tallied 20 in the win, while O'Connor and freshman forward Randall Poindexter marked 15 and 11, respectively.

Against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets, the Titans nailed 23 three pointers en route to a 119-97 victory. O'Connor led the Titan attack, tallying a career best 33 points. O'Connor nailed nine treys in the contest.

DeMonaco and Pagley scored 21 and 20, respectively, while sophomore forward Micah Delo tallied 17 points coming off the bench.

Over the break, DeMonaco led the new look Titan attack, earning PAC Player of the Week honors for the week ending on January 11th, 2004.

The Titans are winning games because they've adopted an up tempo style of basketball. Ultimately, the Titans are earning victories by putting points on the board.

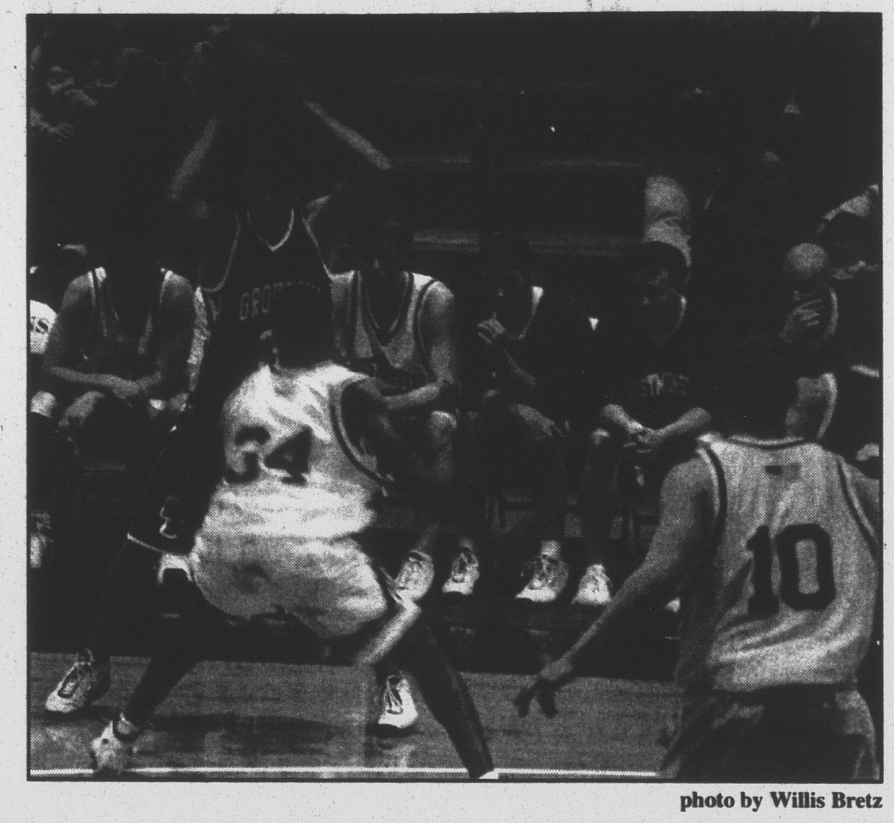


photo by Willis Bretz

The Titans topped Grove City, 91-86 over winter break

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manor. A megalomaniac is a mania for great or grandiose performance or a delusional mental disorder that is marked by infantile feelings of personal omnipotence and grandeur. It's a very political song directed to President Bush, as evident in the lyrics, "If I were your appendages/I'd hold open your eyes/So you would see/That all of us are heaven sent."

A Crow Left of the Murder, the title track to the album, was debuted by the band at the Bridge School Benefit show, is a very upbeat song with somewhat of a mystic meaning.

The next song is titled Agoraphobia. Agoraphobia is an abnormal fear of being helpless in an embarrassing or inescapable situation that is characterized especially by the avoidance of open or public places. This smooth song seems to be a love ballad, but also has some discrete references to war within it.

The band also debuted Talk Shows on Mute at the Bridge School Benefit show. This is a song about American apathy and has references to Orwell's 1984 among other things.

Beware! Criminal is an ironically upbeat song about an unfaithful significant other. Sick Sad Little World is another upbeat tune with a very cool guitar riff and an interesting instrumental in the middle.

Pistola, which means pistol in Spanish, was played extensively on the Lollapalooza tour this summer, and had been released on the Incubus Live at Lollapalooza 2003 CD this past fall. The album version of the song features a new and rather interesting guitar solo. Lyrically the song is brilliant. This song uses literal imagery very well to draw numerous comparisons between a pistol and a pen.

Southern Girl is a jazzy song that is different from other Incubus material, but can be traced to the Einziger-fronted instrumental jazz side project, Time Lapse Consortium.

Priceless features some very heavy drumming and is aurally most like the material on Incubus's first major label album Science. This song draws from an improve that was done in-between a song called Vitamin during a performance this summer, and is also on the Lollapalooza 2003 CD. The best way to describe the sound of this chunk of the song is a cross between Primus and Phish.

The sound of the next track on the album, Zee Deveel, reaches even further back into the Incubus vault drawing from sounds found on Fungus Amongus. There is some extraordinarily interesting guitar work that could be traced to some influence from the likes of Tom Morello or Jimi Hendrix. The song's lyrical content is largely anti-materialistic.

Made For TV Movie is a very bipolar song, musically, with very distinct crescendos. It is lyrically a very political song that makes the statement, "I heard a word from on high/Clear like a light in the sky/It said, 'quit blowing each other up'."

Smile Lines is simply a solid rock and roll song about growing up. Here In My Room is very mellow love song that reminds me of a dream I had. The album ends with Leech, an interesting song about a person who is emotionally draining, in which Brandon demonstrates his way to use his voice in a very effective falsetto.

Super Bowl Will Provide Plenty of Drama

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

So who is this Jake Delhomme character anyway? I know! Isn't he that guy who used to back up Kurt Warner in the NFL Europe League? Well, yeah. That was him. I know! Isn't he that guy who used to play for the Saints? Yeah. That was him too. Oh, well what is he doing now?

I'll tell you what he's doing now. He's currently the quarterback of the NFC Champion Carolina Panthers. The same Panthers team that knocked off Bill Parcels and the Cowboys, went into St. Louis and did the un-thinkable by beating the Rams, and beat Donovan McNabb and the Eagles in Philly for the NFC title.

Now I know what you're thinking: The Panthers are such a boring team. And you're right. They are a boring team. Trust me though; they certainly deserve to be in Super Bowl XXXVIII. The Panthers have the best defensive line in football and their young cornerbacks are playing better than they have all season. Their two back offense featuring Stephen Davis and DeShuan Foster have been giving opposing defense's fits.

This Carolina team reminds me a lot of the 2002 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. They don't have a lot of playmakers on offense, but they have an outstanding defense. They have a coach who does an excellent job of game planning, and preparing his team week in and week out.

But the big question is: Can the Panthers pull off the upset? I certainly think they are capable of it. At times this year, New England has had trouble stopping the run. And what do the Carolina Panthers do best? They run the football. If Carolina can control the tempo of the game, run the football effectively, and wear down the defensive line of the Patriots, Carolina has a great chance to win.

The one thing that Carolina absolutely cannot let happen is getting behind early in this game. Their offense is not built to generate points like that. They're not the type of team that will come from behind and score two touchdowns in the final quarter to win it. It's just not going to happen, especially against that Patriot defense. The Panthers really need to score first so they can control the pace of the game. The more time they can take off the clock, the better.

Carolina also has to try to keep Tom Brady and the Patriot offense off the field as much as possible. New England's offense is very capable of putting up 30 points in any given game; even against a defensive unit as good as Carolina's. It is so critical that the Panther defensive line develops a steady pass rush, and maintains it throughout the course of the game. Tom Brady is a Super Bowl MVP and he will pick apart that Carolina secondary if he's given the time to do so. The young defensive backs for the Panthers have been playing so well this postseason. However, they'll need to maintain the level of success they had in their playoff win over Philadelphia, in order to slow down the Patriots offense.

Can it be done? Of course. Will it be done? Well, that's another story. But, both of these defenses are outstanding. It's certainly going to be a defensive struggle.

There's one factor that I think will ultimately decide this game; and that's experience. This game is going to be close, and in tight situations with the game on the line, the more experienced team usually comes out on top.

Two years ago this weekend, the Patriots were busy winning the Super Bowl. Also two years ago this weekend, the Panthers were sitting at home after their 1-15 season.

Patriots 17 Carolina 13

Wanted: Argo Editor

Interviews for the position of yearbook editor are Feb. 9th!

Applicants for the position must be full-time undergrads with a minimum 2.3 QPA and be enrolled at Westminster for the entire next year.

Application instructions are available at the Office of Student Affairs and applications must be submitted to Suzanne Prestien by Wed., Feb. 4

Applications should include a resume, 2 writing samples (no more than 10 pages total), a letter of application, and 2 letters of reference.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Prestien at prestis@westminster.edu or x7029

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Weekend Entertainment

Friday January 30

"Dirty Dancing"
8:00

"Footloose"
10:30

Titan's Tavern
10:30-2:00

Saturday November 22

"Footloose"
8:00

"Dirty Dancing"
10:30

Dance a Thon
5pm-2am
Club Room
Sponcered by Rotoract and Habitat for Humanity

Sunday November 23

Titan Super Bowl Party
Titan Tavern
6:30 pm
Food, Football, and Survivor after the game.

Free drinks and popcorn as always.

Late Night every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
10-1 in the Tavern.

Coming Soon:
Mardis Gras: Feb 20 (New Date)

2nd Annual Lovey Dovey Holcad Contest

Tell your sweetie or best friend how much you care this Valentine's Day by letting us print a special message from you in the February 13th issue of the Holcad. Attach your entry to this form and send it with love to our campus box # 157. A name will be drawn at random to win a $50 gift certificate for a dinner for two.

Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 11. The winner will be announced in the Feb. 13th paper. Only one entry per student.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Locks of Love collects 152 inches of hair

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

Three inches of snow on the ground means dangerous driving conditions. Eight inches of snow means school cancellations. Twelve feet of snow is unheard of.

So imagine the surprise of Alpha Phi Omega members when they collected 152 inches of hair on Saturday for the Locks of Love drive. That's a little more than 12 feet. Enough hair to stretch from the second level of McKelvey to the floor of the TUB.

"We had no idea what to expect," said Kristen Sargent, who was in charge of coordinating the event. Two hair stylists volunteered to help perform the free haircuts offered in exchange for donating hair.

The drive was held to collect hair to donate to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. While the shortest ponytail length Locks of Love will accept for hairpieces is 10 inches, the organization will also accept shorter lengths to be sold to offset the cost of making the hairpieces. This way, even people with short hair were still able to donate to the hair drive.

The event slowly began at 10 a.m., but picked up speed as the day went along. Within an hour after the start of the drive, the waiting line for a free haircut was eight times the amount of hairdressers there to do the styling. By the time the second stylist arrived, the McKelvey lounge was starting to fill up, and the list of waiting contributors had reached the bottom of the first page.

One stylist, a trainee from Rebecca's Salon in New Wilmington, took over the work as the first was finally able to get a bite to eat. The movement in the line slowed down even more as people continued to sign up to donate hair. When the first stylist returned to her chair, people were beginning to get anxious about the situation.

"We definitely needed more hair stylists," said event co-chair Jennifer Britton. "We had so many people come out to support Locks of Love that we couldn't get to all of them before our stylists had to leave."

If anyone did not want to donate hair, but still wanted to help out somehow, Alpha Phi Omega was collecting monetary donations that would go towards the cost of shipping the hair to Locks of Love. In exchange for those donations, a masseuse was present to give free massages to all who donated.

By the end of the event, only 22 people of the 38 who signed up were actually able to get their hair cut and styled that day. The stylists had to leave, and the hair drive was officially declared over - but only for a month.

"Now that we know how many people are interested, we can make sure to be more prepared for the next event," said Britton. The continuation of the event has been scheduled for Sunday, March 1. Anybody who signed up for the first one and didn't get a turn to donate will be the first on the list for the March event.

photo by Josh Storey

Phil Webster donated 17 inches, the most out of all the contributers.

Originally planned for Saturday's event was a contest for the sororities and fraternities on campus. Whichever one donated the most hair would receive a plaque in their name in the campus center, given by Pizza Joe's. So far, Phi Kappa Tau leads the fraternities, Sigma Kappa leads the sororities and the independents are leading overall. The contest will be continued at the event in March, and Sargent hopes to see an even bigger turnout next month.

"There were things we're going to have to work on next time," said Sargent. "I was surprised by the turnout, and I'm extremely happy we're going to do it a second time. We're planning to make this an annual event."

Students dance night away, raise money for charity

photo by Lindsey Roberston

Kara Moximchalk, Jess Herrington and Nanette Tomicek dance the night away at the Rotoract and Habitat for Humanity Dance-a-Thon.

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Rotoract and Habitat for Humanity held a dance-a-thon this past Saturday in the McKelvey Club room.

The dance-a-thon began at 5 p.m. and ended at 2 a.m. Each hour had a theme and a winner. The winners received prizes such as screwdrivers.

Both organizations had the idea and decided it would be easiest to hold a joint dance-a-thon. Twenty people were registered to participate in the dance-a-thon. The participant who danced the longest received a gift certificate for the Tavern and whoever raised the most money collected a gift certificate for Italian Village.

Rotoract President Kara Moximchalk was pleased with the outcome of the evening.

"All active members helped and did a fantastic job," said Moximchalk.

Half of the money the organization raised by Rotoract goes to the Make-A-Wish foundation. The other half goes to Bridges to Community in Nicaragua. This organization builds houses for families who have nowhere to live. Habitat chose to sponsor a house this year because they sponsored one last year as well.

Habitat President Christa Mayer was also happy about the outcome and would like to try to have a dance-a-thon next year.

"Habitat is really pleased with all the support from the students, faculty and administration," said Mayer.

Dr. Sandra Webster was a participant in the dance-a-thon. She danced for five hours straight, stopping only momentarily to eat pizza that was provided for them. She raised more than $150 for her dancing that evening. Most of the people who sponsored her she has met through square dancing, which she does at least twice a week every week.

Webster credits her participation to Coach Scott Renninger. She had been to a meeting in which Renninger had spoken about faculty interacting with the students on their own campus. She felt the dance-a-thon was not only a great way to interact with students but also felt it was for a good cause.

If a dance-a-thon is held in the future Webster said she would more than likely participate again. "Dancing of any kind is good for you," said Webster. "It's good for your physical and mental health. It's good to see young people participating in something that's also for a good cause."

Fifth-year senior Gwen Kennedy raised the most money, with $150. Junior Emily Wehr won thecertificate to the Tavern for lasting all night on the dance floor. She was very surprised that she won after dancing for nine hours.

"I didn't think I would last very long," said Wehr. "But I had one of my best friends with me so she was spurring me on."

When asked if she would participate again if given the chance she was optimistic. "It was so much fun, it was a total blast."

Rise in assault calls for action

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

According to the "Sexual Assault Facts & Education" website, a person is sexually assaulted every three minutes.

This alarming rate does not only apply to growing cities or even large college campuses. Unfortunately, this statistic also is representative of the small towns like New Wilmington and to intimate campuses like Westminster College.

"Rape is a crime motivated by a need to control, humiliate, or harm," said Debbie Wiech, Education Director at the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter. "A rapist is not interested in sexual pleasure, but in hurting or dominating another person."

As reported by Hands in Healing, most rapes are committed by a person who knows the victim. Further, 60% of male rapists are married and have normal sexual relationships at the time of the assault.

Three easy to remember rules will help prevent sexual assault. Rule one: Be alert and walk with confidence and purpose. Most rapes are committed because the victim appears vulnerable and easily dominated.

Rule two: Be aware of all surroundings including location and people.

Rule three: Don't let alcohol or other drugs impair your judgment. A large percentage of "date rapes" involve the use of drugs by both the perpetrator and the victim. Many of these drugs are undetectable after 12 hours in the system and difficult to prove they were used.

Also important to remember is that sexual assault is not always possible to avoid. In these unfortunate cases, the victim must remember that often the goal is survival. To handle a rape attempt consider the following.

Try to escape. Make loud noises and be rude if necessary to attract attention to the situation. Talk, stall for time, and assess the options. However, if the rapist has a weapon, you may have no choice by to submit. If fighting back is an option, do it with speed, determination and target. Commonly, it is best to attack the eyes or groin area.

Learning self-defense is also a helpful way to prevent sexual assault in many cases. On campus, students can learn the art of Chindo and related self-defense maneuvers by attending classes Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Orr Mezzanine. Contact instructor Mark Kolich at 724-847-3972 for additional information. Walk-ins are also welcome. Additional karate classes, sponsored by Westminster, are available. Contact Dr. Goldberg at extension 7153 for details about meeting dates, times, and locations. These courses are also helpful for learning self-defense.

To handle reports of sexual assault, Westminster follows the Campus Safety Act. According to this plan, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report a witnessed crime or suspicion of wrong-doing. Those wishing to remain unknown can complete the Anonymous Crime Reporting form found on the Student Services tab of the College's website. The form can be downloaded through the Safety link and returned through campus mail to the Safety and Security Office.

To further combat the issue of sexual assault on campus, a group of concerned students and faculty have begun establishing a sexual assault task force, which will serve as an educational and advocacy body on campus.

"In our discussions, it became very apparent that one of the main problems with sexual assaults is the lack of education and understanding about the nature of the crime and even simply the definitions of the crime itself," state Dr. Andrea Grove.

"Therefore, task force members in conjunction with other groups on and off campus will make it a priority to educate the campus through various educational forums such as workshops, dramatic performances and panel discussions."

The task force has also developed an advocacy group with a two-fold purpose. First, the advocates will provide a safe environment for victims to share their stories and find support. Second, advocates will stand beside the victims and guide them through the process of dealing with the assault.

Student, faculty, and staff members interested joining the task force should contact Tara Billock at billoctn@westminster.edu or Gwen Kennedy kennedgm@westminster.edu. Plans are underway to train all advocates and to develop educational programs and begin operating by March.

10 Steps to Avoid Acquaintance Rape

1. Trust your instincts.
2. Don't lose control or be placed in situations you cannot handle.
3. Be careful when inviting someone into your room or home.
4. Communicate firmly with your partner about what you do and do not want to do.
5. Be aware and independent on dates.
6. Be aware of the use of alcohol and other drugs.
7. If things start to get out of hand, protest loudly and leave.
8. When going out with someone new, don't feel obligated to go out alone.
9. Socialize with people who share your values.
10. Avoid falling for lines like "I love you."

Former WC student on trial for rape

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

Michael Arrigo, a former Westminster student, went on trial in Allegheny County on December 15, 2003 on two counts of indecent assault and one count of aggravated indecent assault. According to Allegheny County Assistant District Attorney Bruce Beamer, Arrigo recently plead guilty to the two misdemeanor counts of indecent assault.

The plea agreement will allow Arrigo to avoid the Megan's Law requirement of having to register with local police as a convicted sex offender.

The alleged crimes occurred last spring at a University of Pittsburgh residence hall, where Arrigo is not a student at the college. Sentencing is scheduled before the judge on March 10. The maximum sentence on a misdemeanor indecent assault charge is two-years, but it's the judge's discretion and many cases often end up with probation.

Reports indicated that Arrigo, who has had no prior convictions, turned himself over to Pitt Police on March 19, 2003.

One of Arrigo's close friends, junior Christian Davoli, has reservations about the college's media outlets covering this case.

"I can't recall many, if any, articles on ex-Westminster students that are in trouble with the law," Davoli said. "If this alleged crime occurred on this campus then I understand the validity of it being put in the Holcad or if he was a Westminster student that committed this crime; but I fail to see why we need to scare the students here at Westminster College with material that doesn't need to be printed."

Pat Sandora, news director for WCN and WWNW New Wilmington, disagrees. He stands by the journalistic integrity of the public's right to know.

"I think it is imperative that the student body know everything that is going on about a hot issue on campus," Sandora said. "Why Mr. Arrigo left Westmisnter isn't public information, but maybe this information will cause students on this campus to react and make changes to better the safety for students at WC."

Arrigo was suspended from the college last year as a result of different sexual assault allegations.

"The circumstances didn't allow for a conviction to proceed at that time," Assistant Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner said. Lechner went on to explain that Arrigo did go through the college judicial process, which works more like a civil suit, in which a conviction does not require the accused to be convicted beyond a reasonable doubt.

Davoli added that, "[Arrigo] is still my friend and until I hear 100% what happened, I don't want to judge him."

Junior Sebastian Driver-Salazar, who played soccer along Davoli and Arrigo, stands by his fromer teammate. "I'm disappointed, I just hope that he can turn his life around and get back on the right track, he has made some serious mistakes in judgement and for his sake I hope he can move on in a more positive direction."

—Local College Briefs

Penn State student reports sexual assault

THE PENN STATE COLLEGIAN - An 18-year-old Penn State student reported she was sexually assaulted downtown early Saturday morning by a man unknown to her.

Between 2 and 3 a.m., the woman was walking to a friend's house on the 400 block of East Calder Way when a black SUV-type vehicle pulled up next to her and stopped, according to a report she filed with the State College Police Department Monday evening.

After stopping, the driver began conversing with the woman. The driver then exited the vehicle, leaving it running, and continued to talk to the victim, police said.

The man talked to the victim and repeatedly asked her if she wanted to go to a party. She refused each time, but the suspect continued to ask, the report said.

The man then directed the victim into the passenger's seat of his vehicle, where he followed her into the vehicle directly after her, police said.

Upon entering the vehicle, the suspect sexually assaulted the victim. The victim resisted and "temporarily disabled" the suspect, allowing her to exit the vehicle and flee the area, police said.

The victim told police the SUV-type vehicle was black, had four doors and looked new. She also said the vehicle had a modified stereo system and red digital display panel on the instrument controls.

The victim described the suspect as a black man in his 20s, about 6 feet tall, having a stocky build and weighing about 215 pounds.

Crime alert rises in college town

THE PITT NEWS - The days of wandering down the street without a care in the world — if they ever existed — are gone for many Oakland residents.

There have been several robberies throughout the South Oakland area in the past few weeks. From a bookstore armed robbery to a shooting on Dawson Street, crime alerts are high for Oakland businesses and residents.

According to the Crime Alert released by Pitt police, two men brandished a gun at two people and took one victim's purse on Jan. 22. The incident occurred at about 1:45 a.m. on the 300 block of Atwood Street near the India Garden restaurant. Just five days later, on Jan. 27, an armed robbery occurred at the University of Pittsburgh Health Book Store, on the 3500 block of Forbes Avenue. The robbery occurred at about 3:10 p.m.

According to Pitt Chief of Police Tim Delaney, witnesses reported that the man was standing outside the building for more than 45 minutes.

Later that same night, at about 10:45 p.m., an armed robbery took place on Dawson Street, near Oakland Square. According to the police report, "the victim was approached from behind and shot in the leg with a small-caliber weapon."

The perpetrator was allegedly one of several people traveling in an automobile. The automobile stopped, and the people inside said something to the victim, according to Delaney. Uncertain what the people in the car said said, the victim hesitated. The perpetrators apparently thought he was refusing to cooperate, so they shot him, Delaney said.

The perpetrator, without taking money or other items from the victim, fled the scene in a light-colored Sedan. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Possibly in connection with the incident at Pitt's Health Book Store, another robbery occurred at Footer's Dry Cleaners & Tailors Inc. on Forbes Avenue, at about 3:15 p.m. on Jan. 28.

"The descriptions of the suspects to both robberies [the book store and Footer's Cleaners] sound very similar," Delaney said. "We're always trying to find another tip or lead that will put us where we need to be [in catching criminals]."

Pitt police are working in conjunction with Zone 4 city police and the Oakland Business Improvement District in hopes of tracking down their suspects or finding other leads to the crimes.

"We try to stay as heavy as we can with our robbery tips," Delaney said.

Renovations to give Patterson a "lift"

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

Renovation and building "face-lifts" are nothing new for the college. From a big, shiny campus center to the quaint, comfy Thompson-Clark classrooms, the campus is looking better and better. Patterson Hall and the Orr Auditorium are the next to wow the campus.

Renovations for Patterson began during the break and will continue through the semester. "Our goal is to be done with the renovations by late summer," Owen Wagner, director of Physical Plant, said.

Patterson renovations include heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. A freight lift for shows and concerts will be added behind the building. The art gallery will have new track lighting. Orr will have new carpet, new seats, new dress rooms, and a better lighting and acoustic system.

The changes in the auditorium will allow the College to host better shows and bring more people to the audience. "We're all thrilled about this. We'll have a more user-friendly facility that will be able to stage more things," Eugene DeCaprio, director of Celebrity Series, said. "By the time we add the new seating, air conditioning, and carpet, it will look like brand new."

The physical plant has been overseeing the project since its commencement. "Our job is to make sure the renovations are being done in accordance with its specifications," Wagner said.

At least four different contractors are at work. Many of them work in the evenings to minimize any interference with classes. "Of course the renovating causes inconveniences to the students and staff, but I haven't received any complaints from anyone," Wagner said.

Many students remain unaffected by the campus renovations. "I didn't even notice construction until the other day," junior Lauren Thompson said. "It hasn't interfered with my schedule at all."

The cold weather and steady wintry mix is one element the Physical Plant or the contractors can't control. The snow and cold air affects outside and exterior work. "We have to be careful not to let cold air into the building," Wagner said.

According to Wagner, the weather may have a detrimental effect on the project, but the contractors must continue work in order to finish by late summer.

Senior Christy Steidel thinks renovating the auditorium will be a great change for the campus. "When it's completed, it will be so nice and probably more comfortable. I only wish I could be here to enjoy it."

"I'm looking forward to having air condition in Patterson," Thompson said. "It needed it."

photo by Josh Storey

Patterson under construction. Renovations to be complete by late summer.

—Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

Mock Convention & class schedule

This week's Mock Convention will NOT mean cancelled classes. Faculty advisor for the Mock Convention Jim Rhoads says some students will be excused from their classes to participate.

Rhoads says political science majors will be allowed to miss classes to work on the convention. Students signed up for state representative positions are also excused —but the Mock Convention doesn't force any classes to cancel. Rhoads says some instructors may use their discretion to encourage participation, however most classes meet well before the scheduled convention events.

IUP rape arrest

Police at Indiana University of Pennsylvania have arrested a student accused of raping two women in his dormitory last week. Police say 18-year old Ian DuFour of Westmoreland County faces charges of rape, sexual assault and indecent assault. DuFour is currently free on bond.

Ex-WC student faces indecent assault sentencing

On March 10, an Allegheny County judge will hold a sentencing hearing for former Westminster student Michael Arrigo. According to prosecutors, Arrigo pleaded guilty to indecent assault in December. Allegheny County Assistant District Attorney Bruce Beamer says Arrigo pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts. Beamer tells Digital 88.9 News that a felony count of aggravated indecent assault was dropped. Arrigo's guilty plea came in December as he was scheduled to go to trial on all counts. The assistant D.A. says Arrigo turned himself in to police at the University of Pittsburgh last March after a Pitt student reported he assaulted her in her room in the Pitt Towers. The police report identified Arrigo as a non-student at the University.

Arrigo left Westminster in the Fall of 2003—Westminster officials say they cannot disclose or discuss the reasons why any student leaves the college.

Meanwhile, prosecutors say Arrigo could face a maximum sentence of two-years for the conviction—however, because of the plea agreement the judge could also give Arrigo probation as he has no prior record. The assistant D.A. also says the plea agreement will allow Arrigo to avoid the Megan's Law requirement of having to register with local police as a convicted sex offender.

What would it take to close campus?

Although winter storm advisories, warnings and watches have been issued repeatedly this winter…don't hold your breath for cancelled classes. Dean of security John Lechner says that it would take a major storm to close the college. Canceling classes involves first checking the road conditions. When the weather turns ugly, Lechner personally hits the roads in and around New Wilmington to see how if they're drivable. Lechner says if conditions are dangerous he will issue a recommendation for a delay or even closing the campus—but he makes that recommendation to the academic dean for a final decision. College officials consider how the weather affects driving conditions for the faculty and staff and the 100 or so commuting students. They also consider wind chill conditions for those students on campus. So far this semester the weather hasn't forced a campus-wide closing—but last year a winter storm with a half a foot of blowing snow forced the campus to shutdown as it did for most Universities and colleges around the region.

21-year old Mercer mayor blames problems on generation gap

Mercer Mayor Chris Portman says borough council members have a problem with him being so young. The 21-year old mayor and ex-Westminster student was elected to office two-years ago at the age of 19. He now says his age is not well-received by the other elected members of Mercer's government. Portman claims council members hide their concerns until the group meets behind closed doors—that's when the mayor says council members act as if he's too young and doesn't know what he's talking about. Portman has been criticized by Mercer officials in recent months for missing meetings and for missing a grant application that could have paid for a new emergency weather alarm.

Class conflicts create SGA vacancies

If you thought you had a rough time adjusting to your schedule this semester, you're not alone. Class conflicts caused some SGA senators to give up their seats this spring. Nearly a quarter of the senate was forced to resign because of Wednesday night class conflicts. The student senate meets Wednesday nights so any Wednesday night course would prevent a senator for his or her duties. SGA is now searching for upper-class students to fill the vacancies.

Fewer morning classes at Penn State?

Students at Penn State have a powerful ally in their struggle against scheduling early morning classes. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is reporting that the Penn State President is pushing to reduce the number 8 a.m. classes offered across the University's 83,000-student system.

CMU students poisoned by food

Six new cases of a stomach illness have been diagnosed over the weekend at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Health Department officials say they still don't know the cause of the food poisoning, but they believe it came from a campus-based restaurant. In the past week 36 students have reported cramping, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

WC grad strikes back on Survivor: All-stars

Super Bowl Sunday marked the return of a Westminster grad to network television— Amber Brkich stars in the CBS Survivor All-Stars which debuted after the Super Bowl. Brkick was a member of Alpha Gamma and graduated with a degree in public relations in 2000. She gained celebrity status that fall after she was cast on Survivor Australia.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Bomb threat blamed on cell phones

PITTSBURGH (AP) A Massachusetts man has been charged with calling a bomb threat into Pittsburgh's airport, accusations he said are the result of a mix-up over his cell phone number.

Allegheny County police on Monday issued an arrest warrant for Nicola U. Tritta, 59, of Norton, Mass., who police believe was the anonymous caller who phoned an Avis car rental counter at the airport Wednesday night.

Tritta was linked to the threat through his cell phone and a car he apparently rented from the airport, police said.

Reached on Monday at the cell phone number police said was used to make the call, Tritta said he was unaware of the criminal charges and that he believed there had been some sort of mix-up with his number.

The caller allegedly told an Avis employee there would be a bomb at the airport for President Bush. The Allegheny County police bomb squad was called out and trains used to ferry passengers to the terminal-side of the airport were shut down for more than a half hour, but nothing was found.

Ken Fulton, head of the county police, said Tritta apparently returned a car to the rental agency before making the call on his cell phone and taking a flight to Baltimore or Washington, D.C.

Tritta has been charged with threat to use weapons of mass destruction, terroristic threats, false alarms and harassment.

Town mends broken family

EDINBORO, Pa. (AP) For the second time in almost six years, people in this small town are organizing a charity dinner-dance at the town's main banquet hall to help a family torn apart by a ghastly slaying.

In 1998, science teacher John Gillette was gunned down by a student at a middle-school dance.

Now it's Troy Carter, 42, a former Edinboro University football star stabbed repeatedly by his 17-year-old son, police say, in a Jan. 18 attack authorities can't explain. The attacker also wounded the teen's younger brother.

Police have said Jordan Carter heard voices telling him to take drugs and kill his family. But the real "why?" may never be known be known as Jordan Carter remains incarcerated indefinitely at Warren State Hospital while doctors try to determine if he'll ever be mentally competent to stand trial.

In the meantime, Troy Carter's widow, Wendy Jo, a supermarket worker, must raise her twin eighth-grade daughters; care for her injured son, Joshua, 15; and figure out how to survive without her husband - a construction foreman who had no life insurance but qualified for a small pension.

The Carters' friends and neighbors say it's difficult to balance the family's need for privacy with the efforts to raise money, goods and services.

"An incident like that is always a sensitive matter," said Sheridan Stricker, a nursing home administrator helping to organize the dinner dance late next month. "It's overwhelming to the point of not comprehending it, unless you've lived through it."

"The reality is that's what this family needs (money). But it's not all about the money at all. It's about the death - and the opportunity for people to do something to help."

Stricker didn't know the Carter family well. But her son is close to Joshua and she offered to help - she's got a background in fund-raising - as the community's mothers commiserated in the hours after the attacks.

"The community is heartbroken," Stricker said. "Our community is still hurting from the Gillette (killing) and this will reopen a lot of those wounds."

Edinboro, about 20 miles south of Erie, is a simple, rural town of 6,950 built around the intersection of U.S. Route 6N and state Route 99. Dotted with modest homes, whose eaves are draped with icicles this time of year, Edinboro's population more than doubles when the university is in session.

Gillette was shot by then-14-year-old Andrew Wurst on April 28, 1998, at a dance at the James W. Parker Middle School - the same school attended by Troy Carter's twin daughters, Kristen and Katelyn - in the General McLane School District. Wurst abandoned his initial insanity defense, pleaded guilty and is now serving a 30- to 60-year prison sentence.

In Jordan Carter's case, investigators said they found marijuana hidden in a stuffed bear and writings about commanding voices when they searched the family home.

"They say if I kill my family and take lots of drugs they will leave me alone," the teen wrote, according to state police. "I have to get away from the voices and the ravens."

When Troy Carter was killed, the community's response to Gillette's death became a template for the newer effort.

"We had another tragedy up here with a school teacher, and they did something similar for him and his family," Robert Gwinn, vice president of McCormick Construction Co. where Carter worked, explained simply. "And it seemed to work well."

Stricker, Gwinn and others hope to raise some $75,000 for the family, possibly to be held in a trust, through the dinner-dance and other efforts. A local sportsmen's group helped clean up the Carter home, aided by a local company that cleaned or replaced rugs at the grisly scene, Stricker said.

But the volunteers also are trying to tread lightly. Officials at Nick's Place, the local banquet hall that is donating its services for next month's dinner-dance, declined comment, concerned about crossing the fine line into self-promotion and invading the privacy of the Carter family, who have uniformly refused interviews.

Checks for the "Troy Carter Fund" are being collected at a local bank, the supermarket where Wendy Carter works and her husband's former employer.

Tickets for the dinner-dance are expected to run $100 to $150 per couple - a fairly steep price in a town in which household incomes generally range from $30,000 to $50,000.

"Holding this in the same place (as Gillette's benefit) and with the same kind of event brings the community together in tragedy and memory," Stricker said. "It's a place our community can come together and start to heal - again."

—Regional Briefs

Asbestos lawsuit reward

PITTSBURGH (AP) A couple was awarded $6 million in an asbestos lawsuit against a Minnesota company.

An Allegheny County jury found that William Lisac, 62, of Shaler, was exposed to asbestos when he worked with valves produced by DeZurik Inc., of Sartell, Minn.

Lisac was a steamfitter for more than 40 years and worked with the valves, which are used by power plants, chemical plants and steel mills. He was diagnosed with lung cancer last year.

Lisac's attorneys said other companies targeted in the lawsuit entered into confidential settlements, leaving DeZurik as the only company that took the case to trial.

The company said Tuesday it had no immediate comment on Monday's ruling.

A jury deliberated about four hours before deciding Lisac and his wife, Lois, deserved $3 million each.

William Lisac said he'd gladly trade the money he won to be cured.

School athletes given random drug tests

MURRYSVILLE, Pa. (AP) A school district halted a program to give random drug tests to athletes and cheerleaders.

The policy began at the beginning of the school year, but the Franklin Regional School District determined that a state Supreme Court decision last year likely meant that the program was illegal.

In its ruling, the court said a desire to discourage drug use among students is not a good enough reason to justify "suspicionless" drug screening targeted at student-athletes, parking-permit holders and extracurricular-activity participants.

The ruling was spawned by parents from the Delaware Valley School District, who challenged a similar policy there.

More than 30 school districts in the state still have random drug tests, including the Seneca Valley School District in Butler County and the Canon-McMillan School District in Washington County. Both of those districts have said they have no plans to stop or limit their drug tests in the wake of the court ruling.

Seneca Valley and Canon-McMillan screen student drivers, áthletes and those participating in extracurricular activities. Seneca Valley was one of the first school districts in western Pennsylvania to implement random drug testing after a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld similar testing in an Oklahoma School District.

Prison inmates can't quit

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) It may not be cruel and unusual - and it's not meant to be a punishment - but a prison warden admits it will be difficult for guards and inmates to give up tobacco.

But that's exactly what they will have to do as part of an effort to make the Westmoreland County Prison, about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh, tobacco-free by the end of the year.

"It will be as rough for the officer as the inmates when we first start," Warden John Walton said.

Walton estimates about 90 percent of his prisoners, and half of the prison's staff, use some kind of tobacco product.

Guards and inmates will be given programs and other aid to help them quit. Inmates will be able to quit gradually as the amount of cigarettes they can buy from the jail's commissary will be reduced.

Once the policy is entirely in place, all tobacco products will be considered illegal contraband at the jail, along with already forbidden items like weapons, illegal drugs and cell phones.

Chemical injection cruel

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) The state on Tuesday executed a convicted killer who tried unsuccessfully to argue that the state's chemical injection was cruel and unusual punishment.

John Glenn Roe, sentenced to die by lethal injection for the 1984 murder of a young Columbus mother, was the 10th inmate to be put to death since Ohio resumed capital punishment in 1999. He was pronounced dead at 10:24 a.m.

His execution was the first since Lewis Williams struggled with guards in the death chamber before his execution on Jan. 14. Williams also argued the constitutionality of the state's use of Pavulon, a muscle-paralyzing drug that stops an inmate's breathing.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected Roe's request for a stay of execution, which was based on the argument that Ohio's method of execution causes undue pain. Roe had no other motions pending.

Williams claimed in his appeal that Pavulon may not render the inmate unconscious while a drug that would stop his heart is injected.

Some states won't let such a mixture be used to put down animals because of concerns about unnecessary pain by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

NATIONAL

Deadly poison ricin found in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) A white powder found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's office tested Tuesday as the deadly poison ricin, forcing cancellation of most Senate business in the second such scare from a lethal toxin to hit the capital.

Between 40 and 50 Capitol employees were quarantined briefly and decontaminated, said Senate aides who spoke on condition of anonymity - considerably more than originally thought.

Although more tests were being conducted, Frist said he was positive the substance was ricin and officials of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said several of their tests identified it as ricin. They said they were awaiting the results of additional confirmatory testing.

The CDC officials said they were somewhat reassured because none of the people who were quarantined and decontaminated turned up sick.

One Senate aide said that up to 50 people, including 10 police officers, were quarantined - and then decontaminated - Monday night in a room in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Other aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that dozens of employees went through the process.

Some Senate employees had been cleared to go home Monday after the powder was discovered, only to be telephoned later by their colleagues and advised to put their clothes in a plastic bag and rinse themselves off as a precaution, Senate aides said.

Frist said that a "definitive test" had confirmed that the powder was ricin.

Said CDC Director Dr. Julie Geberding: "As each minute ticks by, we are less and less concerned about the health effects." If the ricin were pure, she said, "We would expect very early onset. The fact that we haven't seen that is reassuring."

President Bush was briefed on the situation, and the administration established an interagency team to investigate what Frist told colleagues was a chilling crime.

Although Senate leaders made a show of conducting business as usual Tuesday, they later canceled all votes that had been scheduled for the day. At the Senate office buildings, entrances were locked and many staffers were said to be working from home.

Buildings were eerily quiet, underscoring the sense that the area has essentially been under a terrorism threat since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Police told lawmakers not to open any mail. Mail to congressional offices has been irradiated since the 2001 anthrax attack, but radiation would not have an effect on ricin, Frist said.

A simple "Closed" sign was tacked onto one of the main, ornate doors of the Dirksen office building that housed Frist's office. Through a window of the Dirksen building a pile of red, plastic bags could be seen in the hallway. Yellow sheets were erected to cordon off areas off the hall.

Adding to the tension was the discovery later Tuesday of a white powdery substance on the first floor of the Capitol building itself, prompting a partial shutdown and evacuation. A corridor was reopened after preliminary tests were negative, said Capitol Hill police spokeswoman Contricia Ford.

Frist said he had been told "the definitive test" on the powder "said it was ricin for sure." Frist said he was referrseing to a type of testing known as PCR or polymerase chain reaction, that detects a gene from the castor plant from which ricin is made.

The CDC planned additional PCR tests to confirm if the powder contained ricin. Also, Army scientists were to inject samples of the powder found in Frist's office into laboratory animals to see if they become ill, said a federal health official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no threatening letter or note linked to the powder has been found.

Democrat Tom Daschle of South Dakota, majority leader in 2001 when deadly anthrax was found in letters sent to his office and the office of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called the ricin discovery "obviously a criminal act."

"I believe that it is an act of terrorism," Daschle said. "It certainly is criminal. I don't draw a distinction between the two, frankly."

Some senators opened temporary work areas in the Capitol on Tuesday.

"There's sort of an odd sense of deja vu with the anthrax and that this is happening again," said Tessa Hafen, a spokeswoman for Sen. .Harry Reid of Nevada, the senate's No. 2 Democrat.

A U.S. government official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that although ricin is a harmful toxin, the situation in the Frist's office does not bear the marks of international terrorism.

"Somebody in all likelihood manufactured this with intent to harm," Frist told his colleagues at the opening of the Senate session.

In 2001, an anthrax-laced letter shut down Congress briefly and closed the Hart Senate Office Building for months of expensive cleaning. Five people were killed and 17 sickened nationwide after coming into contact with letters containing anthrax. An investigation continues.

A clue to ricin poisoning is a suddenly developed fever, cough and excess fluid in the lungs, a fact sheet from CDC says. These symptoms could be followed by severe breathing problems and possibly death, it said. There is no known antidote.

National briefs

Death sentence upheld

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) The California Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence of a Kern County killer even though two jurors in his case consulted their pastors during deliberations, committing misconduct.

One pastor advised that execution was compatible with biblical teachings, while the other told a juror he would not hesitate to recommend death in the case.

Joseph Martin Danks, 41, was charged with the 1990 murder of a fellow prison inmate in Kern County. At the time of the murder, he was serving life in prison for killing six transients in Los Angeles.

In the 4-3 ruling written by Justice Janice Rogers Brown, the court said Monday the evidence against Danks was so extensive that the jurors probably would have voted for the death penalty even without the misconduct.

But the majority found it troubling that two jurors had spoken to their pastors, and recommended that jury instructions be clarified to include warnings against discussing the case with spiritual advisers, spouses and therapists.

Justice Carlos R. Moreno, one of the three justices who agreed with the guilty verdict but dissented on the sentence, said the jury misconduct was so "egregious" and "flagrant" that the death sentence should be overturned, despite Danks' "horrific" crimes and "shocking" lack of remorse.

UN sends team to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) The United Nations will send a team to Iraq to help its political transition in anticipation of the turnover of power there June 30, Secretary-General Kofi Annan told President Bush on Tuesday.

The two men met in the Oval Office, where Bush said, "I'm upbeat and optimistic about the future of the world." He said the United Nations has a vital role in Iraq.

Annan said the U.N. team would work with the Iraqis "in finding the way forward" and would talk to as many Iraqis as possible to "steer things in the right direction."

"I believe that the stability in Iraq is in everyone's interest. The U.N. does have a role to play," Annan said.

He noted that there are differences in Iraq about how to establish a provisional government, and said the U.N. team would try to help resolve those issues.

Senators shut out of office

WASHINGTON (AP) Michigan's senators proceeded with scheduled events Tuesday despite being shut out of their offices after the discovery of a suspicious white powder in a Senate mailroom.

"Folks are scrambling," Sen. Debbie Stabenow said. "Unfortunately, we've been though this before."

Stabenow and Sen. Carl Levin, both Democrats, attended a University of Michigan breakfast before heading to the Capitol for a Senate session.

The senators' offices were closed and their mail was being investigated after tests indicated the substance was ricin, a deadly poison. The substance was found in a mailroom at the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Levin and Stabenow have offices in other buildings.

A few of Levin's staff members set up a temporary office Tuesday morning in a small space that Levin sometimes uses at the Capitol. A spokesman for Stabenow said her staff also was planning to open a temporary office later in the day.

Abortion parental consent

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) A bill to remove a requirement for Nebraska schools to give students information about how to obtain an abortion without parental consent is one vote away from passing.

The measure cleared the second of three rounds of debate Tuesday in the Legislature on a 35-4 vote. That came after 37 senators voted to cut off debate and end a filibuster that began last week. It takes 33 votes to end debate.

Bill sponsor Sen. Mike Foley of Lincoln said he expects more attacks against the measure when it comes up for the final round of discussion.

A bill must clear three rounds of debate with at least 25 votes before it is sent to Gov. Mike Johanns for his consideration.

Foley said Johanns has told him he will sign the measure if it passes.

"This is a slam dunk," Foley said.

Man fined for large patriotic banner

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. (AP) A Fayetteville store owner's giant-sized patriotism has gotten him in trouble with the city.

Eddie Crumpton, who owns Crumpton's Furniture, could be fined because of a 30-foot patriotic banner that officials say is too big. The banner says, "God Bless America."

Crumpton said he does not want to break the law.

But he also does not want to upset residents who applauded the banner when it was first put up after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I don't know which way I'd been in the most trouble - if I leave it up or took it down," Crumpton said.

But regardless of its sentiment, the banner violates the city's sign ordinance, City Manager Joe Morton said.

A city court hearing has been scheduled for March 15. Crumpton's store could be fined $1,000.

Crumpton said he plans to seek a variance from the Fayetteville City Council to allow the banner to remain up.

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INTERNATIONAL

British investigate WMD question

LONDON (AP) The British government announced Tuesday that it would hold an inquiry into the intelligence used in deciding to go to war with Iraq, and expected findings to be ready months before a similar investigation in the United States.

"I think there are issues" about intelligence that need to be looked at, Prime Minister Tony Blair told a Parliamentary committee. But he insisted Saddam Hussein had "weapons of mass destruction capability" when Britain and the United States went to war in March.

Announcing details in the House of Commons, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the inquiry would look at the accuracy of prewar intelligence about Iraqi weapons and "discrepancies" between that intelligence and what eventually was found

It is due to report before Parliament breaks for the summer in July. The five-member committee will be chaired by Lord Butler, a retired senior civil servant, and include a Labour and a Conservative lawmaker.

The third-largest party in Parliament, the Liberal Democrats, declined to participate in the inquiry because it will not review the government's use of intelligence.

The announcement comes less than a week after a senior judge cleared the British government of allegations it distorted what it knew about Iraq's weapons programs to build a case for war.

Also, the decision was made public a day after President Bush announced he would name an independent, bipartisan inquiry into faulty intelligence in Iraq.

Opposition Democrats in the United States have complained that the American inquiry is unlikely to report its findings before the presidential election in November.

Blair denied he had been forced into an inquiry by Bush's announcement.

"It did not take us by surprise," he said. "We've been working very closely with the Americans about this."

The threat posed by Iraq's alleged nuclear, chemical and biological weapons was Blair's main argument for war. No such weapons have been found, and David Kay, the former head of the U.S.-led Iraq Survey Group, has said he doesn't believe they ever will be.

Kay, who quit last month, told the U.S. Congress last week that "it turns out we were all wrong, probably" about the Iraqi threat.

`"What is true about David Kay's evidence, and this is something I have to accept as one of the reasons why I think we now need a further inquiry ... we have not found stockpiles of actual weapons," Blair told the lawmakers.

"What is untrue is to say that he is saying that there was no weapons of mass destruction program or capability, and that Saddam was not a threat."

The British government previously rejected calls for an inquiry. But on Monday, Blair's spokesman said last week's ruling by senior judge Lord Hutton that the government had not "sexed up" intelligence cleared the air and allowed for a rational discussion of Iraqi weapons.

Before last year's war, Blair maintained that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. In September 2002, the government published a dossier of intelligence about Iraq; Blair told the House of Commons that Saddam Hussein's "weapons of mass destruction program is active, detailed and growing." Blair said some of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons "could be activated within 45 minutes."

Eight months later, a BBC report claimed some people in the intelligence services had had doubts about the 45-minute claim, were unhappy that it was included in the dossier and that the government "probably knew ... that it was wrong."

The story sparked a feud between the British Broadcasting Corp. and the government that culminated in Hutton's investigation that exonerated Blair but was harshly critical of the BBC. Hutton said the government had not manipulated intelligence, but said the issue of the accuracy of that intelligence was outside the scope of his inquiry.

After publication of the Hutton report, Blair acknowledged that "it is absolutely right that people can question whether the intelligence received was right, and why we have not yet found weapons of mass destruction."

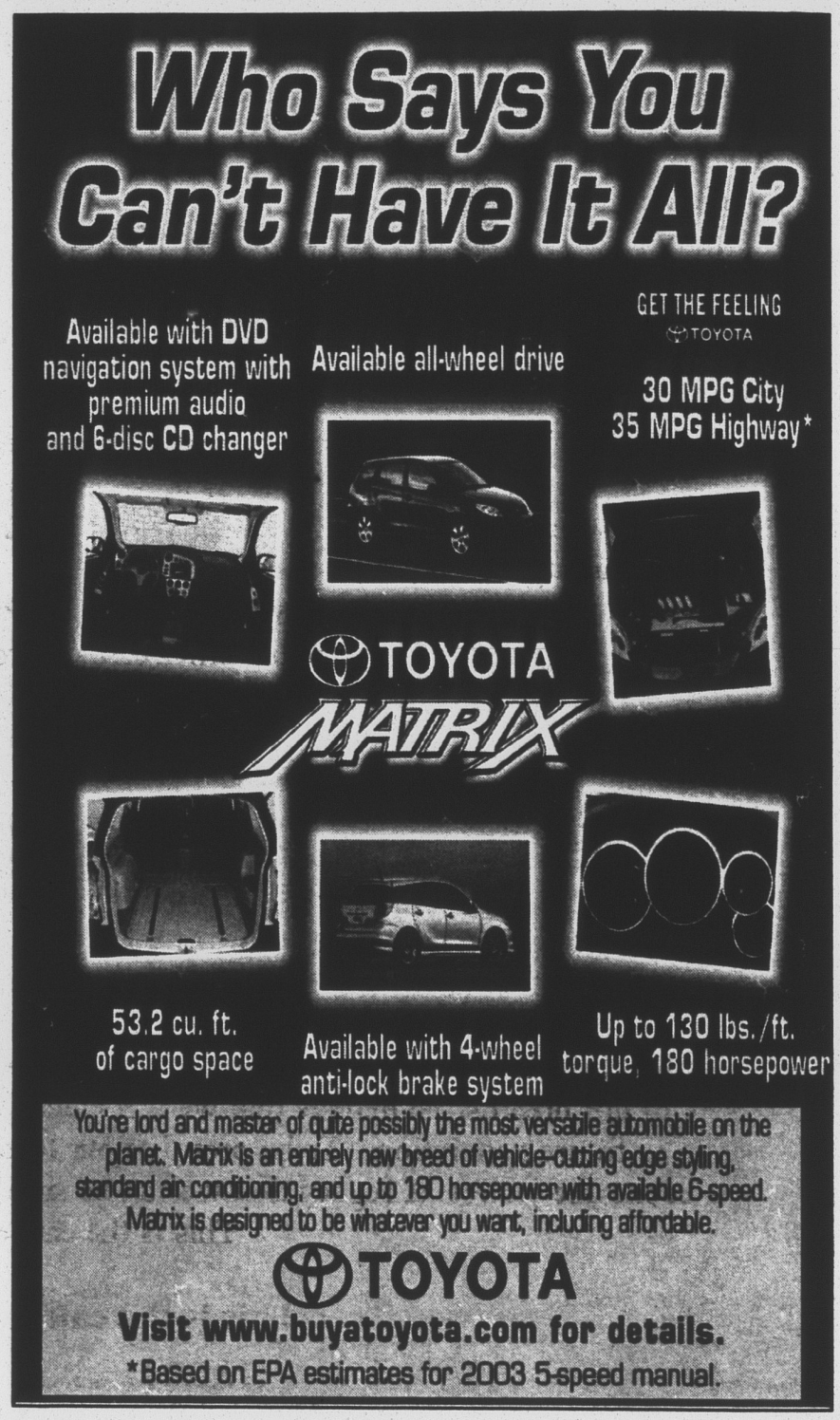
On Tuesday, he insisted his position on Iraq's weapons had not changed.

"It's not a question as it were of changing a position, it's a question of recognizing the fact that though there has been ample evidence of weapons of mass destruction programs and capability, the actual weapons have not been found as yet in Iraq," he said.

"And the view of the head of the Iraq Survey Group is that he does not believe that the intelligence in relation to the stockpiles of the weapons. Now that's exactly what we need to look into."

He said he still believed the war had been just.

"I have no doubt whatever that we did the right thing," Blair said. "Now I think there are issues to do with intelligence that we need to look at - and that's not just the intelligence agencies but the government as well, incidentally."



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Quotes taken from Dennis's "Breaking the Spell of Fear" speech, Iowa City, Iowa, September 4, 2003

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SPORTS

Super Bowl, Super Game, Super Controversy

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Super Bowl is a big time American event. It's about as American as things come.

Consider the fanfare, the grandeur, the media coverage (both before and after the game), the extra week in between the conference finals and the big game, and the mounting anticipation that results.

Super Bowl XXXVIII was no disappointment. As far as Super Bowls are judged, Super Bowl XXXVIII earns an A++.

Two tough and courageous quarterbacks led their teams against formidable and driven defenses.

For much of the first half, each team struggled to find a rhythm and the game was rather bland. At least, we had our commercials.

Near the end of the second quarter, however, Tom Brady and Jake Delhomme discovered their rhythm and from that point forward, Super Bowl XXXVIII was a memorable one.

But how many fans will remember the game?

From a Monday morning perspective, not many. In fact, sadly, Monday's attention was drawn to Janet Jackson, Justin Timberlake, and Jackson's pierced breast.

"It was completely planned," junior Kristy Humphries said. "I think Justin did that because Britney kissed Madonna."

"That bare breast detracted from the whole entire impact of that game," senior Michael Farner said.

Sadly, Jackson's bare breast indeed detracted from an amazing football game.

It's awful that that bare breast stole the spotlight from Tom Brady and Jake Delhomme.

With his precision passing and inspired play, New England's Tom Brady earned a second trip to Disney World.

Paraphrasing ESPN's Chris Berman, Brady played with as much passion and confidence and poise as a young Joe Montana.

On the other hand, Jake Delhomme played about as well as a losing Super Bowl quarterback can play. Delhomme played his game with a certain Louisiana swagger that any Steelers' fan can appreciate (think Bradshaw).

The exciting play of both quarterbacks carried Super Bowl XXXVIII into its final seconds when New England's Adam Vinitieri's field goal sailed through the uprights with four seconds remaining to play.

Ultimately, Super Bowl XXXVIII was a fine game. It's just abominable that in our society, the bare breast of the talent less sister of an accused child molester has stolen the spotlight from an amazing football game.

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—Basketball Briefs

Men's Basketball streak snapped

Kevin Conlon bucketed a game-high 28 points and Pitt-Greensburg shot 63 percent (43-of-68) from the field, as the visiting Bobcats posted a 107-100 non-conference victory over Westminster College at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. The Bobcats improved to 9-11 while the Titans, who had their seven-game win streak snapped, fell to 10-10.

Pitt-Greensburg was hot early, as the Bobcats raced to a 13-3 lead in the first two minutes of the game and led by as many as 13 points (37-24) in the half before taking a 52-42 lead at halftime. With UP-G up 60-49 with 17:23 to play, Westminster raced back into the game with a 13-0 run to take its first lead at 62-60 with 15:20 left. After a pair of lead exchanged put UP-G up 72-70, the Titans recorded a 12-2 run to post their biggest lead at eight points (82-74) with 9:31 left. The Bobcats battled back, taking the lead for good when a three-pointer by David Winfrey broke a 96-96 tie to put UP-G up by three (99-96) with 1:42 left. Westminster closed within a point twice, the last time coming at 101-100 with 34 seconds left. Trailing by three (103-100), Westminster missed three three-point attempts in the final 20 seconds, allowing Pitt-Greensburg to secure the win with four free throws in the final 11 seconds.

Leading the Titan offensive attack in the loss was sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco, who posted game-high totals of 24 points, seven assists and four steals. Junior forward Pat O'Connor added 19 points, while sophomore forward Dom Joseph and junior guard Ed Pagley recorded 13 and 10 points, respectively. Sophomore guard Brian Fadden hauled in a team-best six rebounds in the loss, while O'Connor tied DeMonaco for the team steals lead with four.

The loss marked the eighth time in the last 10 games (8-2 record) the Titans have scored at least 100 points with their new run-and-gun offense and trapping defense, while forcing at least 23 turnovers for the 10th straight game (24 turnovers by UP-G). Westminster connected on 15-of-48 three-point attempts (31.3 percent) in the loss.

Men's Basketball MVP of the Week

Westminster College men's basketball standout Ed Pagley has been named Men's Basketball Player of the Week by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) for the week ending February 1, 2004..

Pagley, a 6-0 junior guard, averaged 21.5 points per game last week as the Titans posted PAC wins over Washington & Jefferson (118-111) and Bethany (103-81), giving Westminster sole possession of first place in the conference. He scored 22 points on four three-pointers in the W&J win, then added a team-high 21 markers while adding four assists and four steals in the victory over the Bison.

Westminster men's basketball (10-10 overall, 5-0 PAC) begins the second half of the conference schedule this Saturday, February 7 at Thiel College in Greenville at 3 p.m.

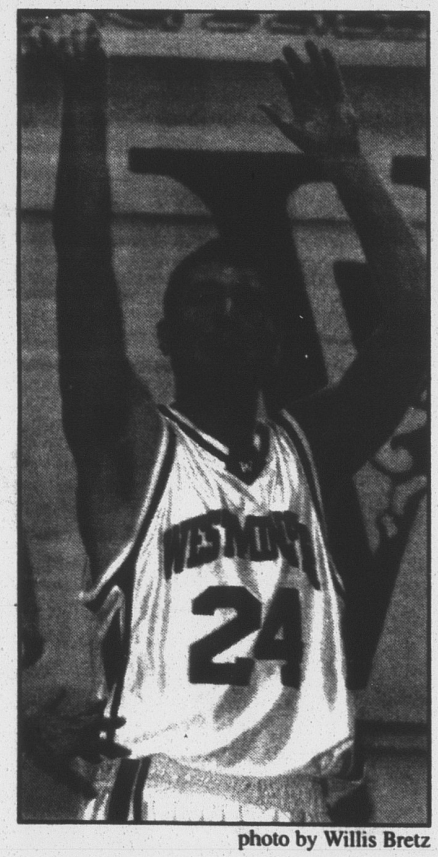
Women's Basketball Breaks Two-Game Skid

Freshman guard Desiree Sterling led four double-digit scorers with 16 points to lead the Westminster College women's basketball team to an 82-54 home vicitory over Penn State-Altoona in a non-conference game at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium tonight. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for Westminster, which improved to 11-8 overall, while PS-A dropped to 4-13 with the loss.

Westminster never trailed in the contest, as the Lady Titans jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead in the first three minutes and never looked back. Leading 24-16 with 6:15 to go in the first half, WC closed the period with a 20-6 run to take a 22-point advantage (44-22) at intermission. Altoona never threatened in the second half, as Westminster led by as many as 35 points (77-42 with 5:25 to play) en route to the victory.

Sterling was joined by junior forward Erica Tallo with 14 points, junior guard Erin Morrow with a season-high 13 points off the bench, and junior guard Alyson Gasper with 12 points. Tallo and Gasper each hauled in a team-best six rebounds, while Gasper added three steals and tied Morrow and freshman guard Rachel Eaton for team assist honors with four apiece. Penn State-Altoona was paced by Lindsey Barr with a game-high 20 points in the loss.

The Lady Titan basketball team returns to Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) action this Saturday, Feb. 7, as Westminster opens the second half ot the league schedule at Thiel College in Greenville at 1 p.m. The Lady Titan cagers are currently 3-2 and in a three-way tie for second place in the conference with Washington & Jefferson and Grove City, two games behind league leader Bethany (5-0).



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Calendar of Events

Friday, February 6
11:40 am Chapel
3:00 pm Mock Convention — Memorial Field House
* Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
* Roll Call of the Convention, Platform Debate
6:30 pm Pre-Convention Entertainment
7:00 Call to Order, Invocation, Star Spangled Banner
* Roll Call of the Convention, Presidential Nominating Speeches,
* Selection of a Nominee, Vice-President, and Cabinet,
* Awards Presentation

Saturday, February 7
Fraternity Bid Day
M&W Track and Field @ Mount Union Invitational
1:00 pm W Basketball @ Thiel
3:00 pm M Basketball @ Thiel
7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 8
3:00 pm Celebrity Series Family Show: Caillou – Orr Auditorium
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
9:00 pm Movie – MCC 219

Monday, February 9
11:40 am Chapel
4:30 pm Lambda Sigma Tea — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge
5:00 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes (location TBA)
9:30 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, February 10
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Career Center/PRSSA Seminar: Speaker from Krispy Kreme — MCC 219
7:00 pm International Film Festival – MCC 219
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Wednesday, February 11
Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee)
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Josten's Ring Days — Info Table in MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Deb Mitchell and Betsy Ford, "Makeovers in Film" – MCC 219
M Basketball @ Grove City
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Hal Holbrook – Orr Auditorium
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club Room

Thursday, February 12
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
10:00 am M&W Swimming @ PAC Invitational
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Josten's Ring Days — Info Table in MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting – MCC 255
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

OPINION

Rant and Rave

The Theta Chi Super Bowl party was super cool!

Eat at the cafe on Tues/Thur at 12:30 so I can eat in the Tub!

Florida's gonna vote right this time! We're on top of this!

Howard Dean gave me ice cream!

The shower situation in Ferg sucks!

So the haircuts for charity we're supposed to go til' 3:30 and I show up at 2:30--but I'm too late! What gives?

I have a problem with licking things

What time is it? Where are the clocks?

What's up with shards of metal on forks in the cafe slicing my finger.

Why does my finger look more appetizing than the cafeteria food?

Why can't I find a computer lab that's open and doesn't have a class? It's like the school doesn't want me to do my homework.

Why hasn't Physical Plant fixed the gas leak in the student center so we can enjoy the fire? You'd think six weeks would be long enough...

Oh, how festive, a Christmas tree still stands in McKelvey.

Why is it that the same people do everything at this school?

I was a Cowboys fan before they were sponsored by South America

Can I have a raise?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Drama Queens

Drama oozes from the walls of our campus. Soap opera writers would have years of material after one month here. You know it's true, but have you ever thought about who the main character of the drama is?

The natural answer is, of course, you. As a race, humans tend to be egocentric. After all, we see everything through our own eyes. But what if you are not the lead role? What if you are just an extra, or worse, the plucky sidekick, only there for comedic relief and the occasional catch phrase?

At times it feels as if the universe has it out for you and only you. While doors open and angels throw rose petals for everyone else to tread upon, you run into the screen door and trip on every stray crack in the sidewalk.

Everyone and everything is against you. You versus them. Here you are in the middle of your own situation comedy and you never seem to come out on top.

Then again it is just as easy to feel like you do not matter. Like you are destined for mediocrity. You are not George, or Homer; you are the character no one can remember. "That guy who was there one time," or some such tag. You are there, but no one seems to notice and/or care. Forgotten by everyone.

Barring the extreme egomaniacs, we have all been there too.

Be it sit-coms or Aaron Spelling productions, college lives seem to revolve around drama, and based on office politics it does not seem to get any better out there in the shiny new "real world". Those (seemingly) few members of the community who are able to scratch out calm, quiet lives appear to be the lucky ones, the happy ones.

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We all complain about the drama too. "I hate how everyone is in everyone else's business." "Moving faster than the Westminster rumor mill..." "Did you hear about..." Sometimes you feel like you want to take a step back, forget everyone and go live in a hut. And while the hermit life seems tempting, it is of course unsuitable for most except the extreme loners.

In the end it is important to know that drama happens when people are thrown together (any number, large or small).

When there is a small community like a campus, or town, or office building, everyone inevitably knows everyone else through at least three people and Kevin Bacon. Drama does not necessarily fuel our lives, but it keeps them interesting.

Who is the main character? Sometimes it is you. Sometimes it is not. The trick is to know the difference. Know when to play the sidekick, the faithful friend and confidant. Know when to take center stage (and when to give it up).

An old dead guy once said life was a stage and everyone a player. He forgot to mention that no one knew his lines, and the director was seldom seen. Learn to love the play and you are half way there. Where "there" is...well that is not written yet.

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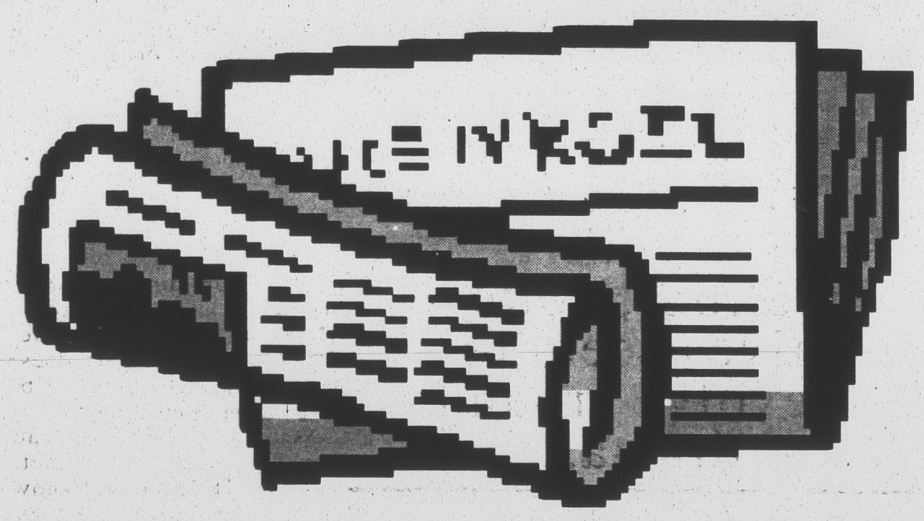

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At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Big Fish & Monster

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Just around six months ago, the movie world was abuzz with a tale that Tim Burton was developing a masterpiece that could rival The Return of the King for Best Picture in the upcoming Oscar race. It was to feature Ewan McGregor's breakout performance and was without a doubt going to give the much overdue Albert Finney his first Oscar for his supporting performance. Well as we all found out last week, this tale was a much exaggerated story. How fitting it is then that Tim Burton's masterpiece is called Big Fish.

With Oscar season approaching we have decided to split in order to get as many Oscar movies in before the awards show. Well, turns out we both made bad choices this week, as each of us picked movies that only received one nomination apiece.

Despite all the excitement for Big Fish, its only nomination was for Best Score. Quite deserving I (being Chris) might mention here, since the music covers as much of the emotion as the dialogue does in the film. Still, only one nomination is quite the disappointment.

The movie tells the story of Ed Bloom, a man who tells his life so exaggerated you begin to wonder if there's any truth at all to his life. As Ed falls ill, his son Will Bloom tries to separate the truth from the lives that Ed told him all his life. In delving into his past, Will quickly learns that his father was a better man that any of his stories could have ever made him seem.

The best reason one could give for this movie not receiving that many nominations is that everything about the movie is very good, but nothing is exceptional. The acting is well done, with Finney and McGregor stealing the show but none of them in Oscar winning performances. The script is good, but the music does a lot of the talking so it doesn't seem all that essential. The direction is great, but it's typical Burton and if they haven't rewarded it before they're not going to now. Really the only place Big Fish was robbed as far as Oscars goes is Cinematography. The movie is beautiful and deserved some recognition for it.

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Whether or not this is Burton's masterpiece is really up to the observer. As many people hated this movie as those that loved it. I personally prefer Ed Wood but this is a close second. Here's something to think about before you rush to see the movie to help you decide if you'll like it or not: The two main ideas explored in this movie are the love shared between father and son, and the idea of a good and true marriage between husband and wife. If these ideas speak to you, you've got a B+ movie you'll enjoy. For Burton fans, if you can handle a little more serious of a story than most of his work like Beetlejuice, this is an A- movie for you.

If you have not already heard, Charlize Theron is the overwhelming favorite to win the Oscar this year. The only problem is that most people don't even know what movie she is supposed to win for, and even fewer have seen it. Therefore, I, Tom, felt it necessary to find this movie (which is playing in Youngstown), and boy am I glad I did. After viewing Monster, I can completely understand why Ebert raved her performance as "one of the greatest performances in the history of cinema." Now that is definitely the highest praise I ever heard for a performance, and while the claim may be debatable, nothing can be argued against Theron's brilliance. Yes, she did gain thirty pounds and had a humongous amount of makeup done to dull her extreme beauty. However, that is only part of her performance. She is literally Aileen Wuornos, a highway prostitute, who was convicted and later executed for killing seven men in the 1980's.

Obviously, this is not your average movie role, and Theron is aware of its power. Never once did I really see the actress and model onscreen, rather I saw Aileen and there was no weakness in this portrayal. She was perfect. She must and will receive the Oscar. If not, then the Oscars might as well call off the show because they will lose all of their credibility.

While Theron is perfect, the movie is not. It is a well made and harrowingly depicted film, but it has its weaknesses, notably Christina Ricci's performance as Aileen's lover, which is surprisingly flat. I will not lie; this movie is extremely hard to sit through because of its violence and intensity. But it is a moving portrait of a woman who was never given a chance in life, and how desperate and alone people like her must feel. The film gets a B but it is highly recommended for your chance to see an astounding performance. Go Charlize!

How to be cool like me: Lesson one

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

The Grammys are this Sunday. See? I told you it was awards season. However, I can't stand about 80% of the music nominated. I'll watch, of course, because the TV ads say there's gonna be a Beatles tribute. And only crazy people don't like the Beatles. So, other than the Beatles and the bad Michael Jackson jokes, I don't have much to look forward to. Thus, instead of giving my predictions of stuff I could care less about, I'd like to offer some suggestions to expand the old musical palette. Comparative artists will be mentioned as necessary.

First, a little thunder from down under. The Aussies are churning out great musicians like it's their job. One of my absolute faves is Howie Day. His sophomore disc, "Stop All the World Now," is like Coldplay and John Mayer had a love child. I particularly en joy the songs 'Ghost,' from the "Australia" album; 'Collide, from "Stop All the World Now," and a live cover of Toto's 'Africa.' I just really enjoy these pop-guitar/singer-songwriters who dream of James Taylor glory (I blame my mother, who spoon fed me James, Paul Simon, and Cat Stevens albums as a youngster.).

Howie's a great live performer and has served as an opening act for the likes of Mr. Mayer, O.A.R., and Ani DeFranco. I saw him two summers ago open for the Clarks in Pittsburgh - just the boy, the voice, and the guitar.

Coming in from the opposite end of the spectrum is Kylie Minogue. This girl, well, woman, is giving Madonna a run for her money in the club princess and gay icon categories. "Body Language" came out late this past fall, and we can plainly see what Britney and the like are aiming for - tongue-in cheek sexuality, the surprisingly touching ballad, and club sensibility. The single 'Slow' is a fine example of what Kylie is all about.

Also out of the Southern Hemisphere is Jet ('Are You Gonna be my Girl'). They're a band in the ranks of the Strokes, the Vines, and the Hives, who all pay homage to the rock'n'roll, "party as hard as you can" mentality of the 1970s. Oh, the good old days.

Bringing it back stateside, some of my new favorite artists and bands are also recycling musical vibes of decades past. Piano-man Gavin DeGraw is reminiscent of Billy Joel, and openly sites Joel as a major influence. (One of his singles, 'Chariot' I believe, is used as the theme song for freshman WB drama "One Tree Hill.") Matt Nathanson, another man and his guitar act, like Howie Day, falls into the ranks of the James Taylor worshipers.

That brings us to my newest favorite band, Yellowcard. I saw them during Christmas break with our lovely Co-Editor-in-Chief Mega, who has an equally high taste in music. (Statement added in by the editor.) That show ranks in my personal top 10, for a few reasons, one of which being that this might have been my last Laga show, since management has plans to close in the neat future. But that's another column. These guys have been working the Warped Tour circuit the past few summers, and I believe they've already signed on for this summer. Their single 'Miles Apart' is the theme song for the new Real World-Road Rules Challenge on Mtv. From previews of the season, it looks like they'll make an appearance later as a part of one of the challenges.

If you aren't familiar with Yellowcard, then I suggest hopping a ride on the bandwagon. This, kids, is what we call punk with a twist. The twist being that back-up vocalist Sean Mackin plays the violin. Yes, you read right. Along the same lines of Something Corporate, the blending of classical instruments, such as piano or violin, with the emo and/or punk sound is the wave of the future. You've all been warned.

I think one of the main elements that drew me to this collection of bands and artists is their ability to play an incredible live show. I'm a big supporter of bringing the music to the fans. A good musician should be able to play live to an audience, and well for that matter. And that ends today's lesson.

Isaac's Rock Column: It's Ms. Jackson, if you're nasty

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Recently in the world of music and pop culture, there is no bigger, and more talked about, story than the tale of Janet Jackson's boob. For this week's music article I decided to forgo the typical article about who's new, what's going on. and all the exciting exclusive content that you crave, for a nice opinion piece about this event.

I'd like to start off with a quick recap. Super Bowl halftime, tons of people watching, always a sexed up show, you get to see about half a second of one boob this year.

I have three main issues. First media conglomeration, second America's sexual bias, and third who cares.

First, I'd like to explain how the Super Bowl's broadcasting works. The major networks all rotate years that they broadcast the big game. Surprisingly, most people don't realize that MTV isn't always involved with the halftime show. They only produce the show when it's CBS's year to broadcast the game. This is because both companies are owned by Viacom, the huge media conglomerate that I interned with this summer. Viacom

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Crossword 101

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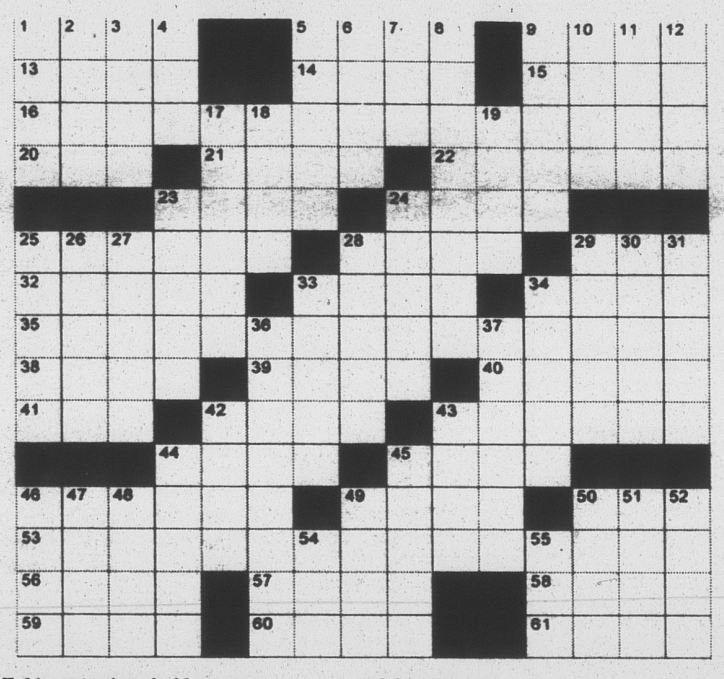
By Ed Canty



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51 Bass servings
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54 Caviar
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Quotable Quote

Though I am grateful for the blessings of wealth, it hasn't changed who I am. My feet are still on the ground. I'm just wearing better shoes.

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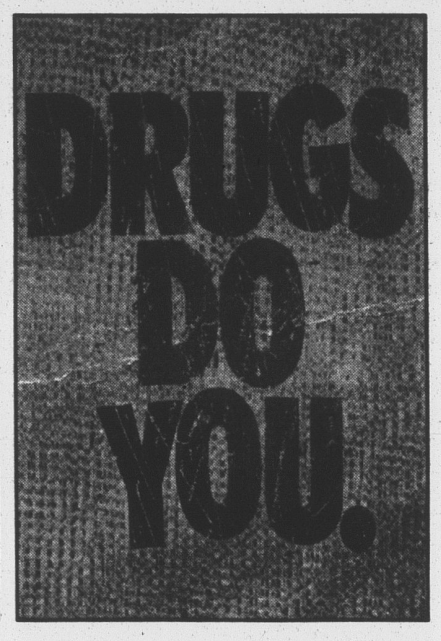

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Change is in the air. Allow old habits and emotions to be swept away and you'll be surprised how fast new and exciting situations will materialize. Chances are that you've been trying to work at things alone, stop and get feedback from others.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

During the week your physical energy will abound. Use this new found energy well and include others in the activities, possibly children. Tie up any loose ends and expect something in the workplace to come to a head. You have alot to share with those around you.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

There is someone close to you in desperate need of financial help. Look around you closely, this individual may not be obvious. Feelings of passion will follow you during the week. Direct this fiery energy in a positive way. It is a good time to express yourself romantically.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Try to maintain your sunny spirit in the face of seemingly depressing circumstances. Do what you can and try to stop worrying. You can do much to change the situations you find yourself in. Do your best to act fairly, for money matters are coming to a head.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

An existing relationship will flourish if you trust the other person completely. There is a real possibility for a new and intense love. Your spark of enthusiasm brings out the best in those around you. This opportunity could pave the way to more responsibility.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

You are doing well in your career choice, but know you could be doing better if given the chance. That opportunity for advancement is right around the corner. Be sure you can make good on your promises. There is an introspective friend who needs your emotional support this week.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Turmoil seems to be everywhere this week. Just remember that a great deal of criticism can be delivered effectively with a smile. It will make more sense to keep people on your side if you can channel your rage in a more direct way. Joy could be just as habit forming as pessimism is.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

You may have the opportunity to invest in a creative enterprise with unexpected money coming from a family member who is looking out for your best interests. If a relationship is starting to feel a little stagnant, try to find ways to increase vitality, or get out.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

It's time to take a lead from an ambitious acquaintance, and take your shot at fame and fortune. Your love life may be a bit rocky this week, so try to accentuate the positive. It's time to sew up any loose ends, leaving no stone unturned as you finish up.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Changes do not come easy, but those that may occur in your personal life will probably be more accepted than most. Quiet time with family will give you the opportunity to catch up with others' lives. When you put your mind to it, you can accomplish just what you want.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

You seem to have a choice of paths to take. Make sure that you are not achieving success at the cost of others. Such ambition will no doubt reap rewards you may not wish for. It feels as if you are running around in circles; everything does not have to be done by the book.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

If you are getting too attached, you are only setting yourself up for disappointment. Live in the here and now, tomorrow will take care of itself. Much of what you have been striving for is within your grasp, but you may have to count on others to help you reach that goal.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are wearing your feelings on your sleeve, and it's time you realize that you may not be as tough as you think. Withdrawing emotionally may help you figure out just where you are and where you belong. Romantic endeavors may prove more trouble than they are worth right now.

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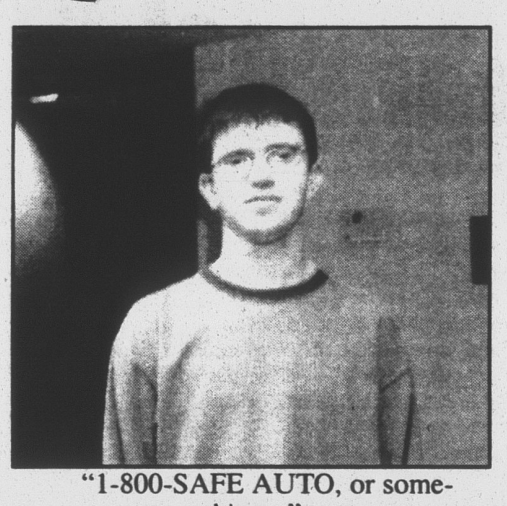
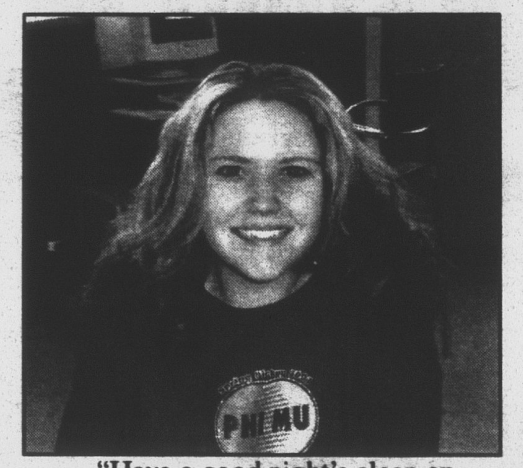
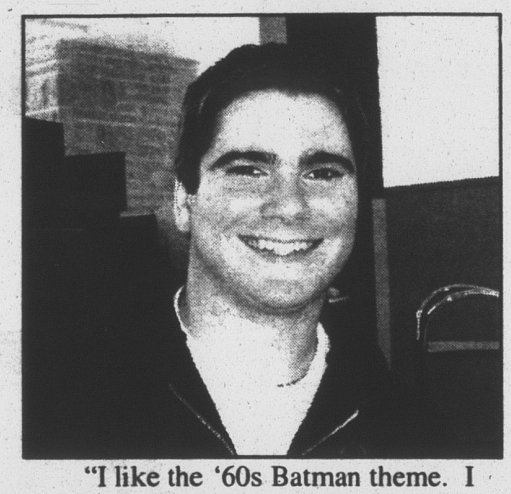
Question of the Week: Favorite Jingle?



"1-800-SAFE AUTO, or something..."
-Jim McDowell, Junior



"Have a good night's sleep on us...Matress Discounters!"
-Adrienne Reuss, Sophomore



"I like the '60s Batman theme. I don't care if it's a jingle or not."
-Matt Boccardi, Senior

"The Goldfish one." **-Lucinda Safrah, Freshman**

"The Meow Mix one." **-Cindi Henderson, Junior**

"The BP jingle: *BP, BP, I pulled into BP.*" **-Jill Sanker, Junior**

"The Oscar Meyer Wener one."**-Emily Koegler, Senior**

"What's that song, Safe Auto? That one gets stuck in my head." **-Matt Kurtz, Sophomore**

"The Big Mac jingle." **-Amy Madison, Junior**

"The Oscar Meyer Weiner: O-S-C-A-R...I don't remember the whole thing." **-Amanda Codori, Junior**

Insert Angry Female Voice

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Irate Female

Tomorrow is Saturday! A day to run free, unburdened by the daily grind of coursework and classes. A day to sleep in as late as possible and do as little as necessary. A day of rest, relaxation and, of course, a day to party.

But where can we party, anyway? We all know we're in a tiny town. Mugsies is a great place, but only open until 11 at night. Pizza Joe's also stays open later on the weekends, but what is there to do at midnight? Even then, the student center locks us out at 2 in the morning, leaving us to the streets or our beds.

With this in mind, I'd like to welcome you to this week's rendition of the feature article, something I'm fondly nicknaming "Insert Angry (Female) Voice Here." Drew, please don't sue me.

I remember freshman year in Shaw first east, the smallest hall in the building. The bathroom is also tiny, with only two shower stalls and two toilets. But on the walls next to the sinks hung posters and pamphlets, detailing topics such as sexual abuse, rape, stalking and underage drinking.

Four years later, in nearly every women's bathroom on this campus, there are posters giving sage advice to girls on how to avoid being taken advantage of when out partying. It's wonderful information, and kudos to whoever put those posters there. But while they may be effective, there may be certain instances where they cannot be of help. Let's put a situation into play.

Take Sally, for example. She's a sophomore on campus, and while she's involved in a few organizations, she still has Saturday nights clear on the schedule. After a particularly stressful week, she decides to head out to a fraternity party Saturday night with a group of her friends.

> ***Instead of promoting brotherhood and good deeds, it instead simply keeps to the ugly American stereotype of fraternity parties.***

But Sally's no fool. She's seen those posters, and she knows that if she's not careful, something bad could happen. The posters say to always bring a friend, someone she trusts, to the party with her. Her best friend on campus is Frank, a great guy she met her freshman year, and they've been friends ever since. Frank isn't in a fraternity, and isn't interested in joining one, but he likes to make sure Sally's safe.

So Sally takes Frank along with her to the party. But once they get there, what do they find? Frank can't come to the party with Sally after all. Because Frank isn't in a fraternity, and the party doesn't want any evil independent men in their house. Sally now has a tough choice to make: spend the night with Frank hanging out in a room, or party by herself.

Here's my question, and I'm asking it for Sally's sake: why can't independent men attend the fraternity parties after recruitment is over? The official reason, so I've heard, is because they want to encourage more men to get involved in Greek life. This is a very standard, yet effective marketing viewpoint.

So then, what if 300 guys pledged one fraternity? There's no way that fraternity would accept them all as brothers. So while encouraging more interest in the brotherhood, the group is still extremely exclusive.

Then there's the fact that while independent men are turned away at the door, independent women are more than welcome. What does that say about the fraternity, welcoming in any and every girl who comes along to party? Instead of promoting brotherhood and good deeds, it instead simply keeps to the ugly American stereotype of fraternity parties.

What can be done about this? A nightclub isn't about to open up in New Wilmington, but until one does, we students are still faced with the lack of truly safe and fun things to do on the weekends.

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not only owns these two huge companies, they also own Infinity Broadcasting, Simon and Shuster publishing and a variety of other things. But that's another issue entirely that I would love to talk more in depth with another article.

Second, the Super Bowl is always an event that is loaded with sexed up commercials that usually use scantly clad women to see everything from beer to computers to cars. I'm not quite sure why it's okay for us to see breasts as long as they have a sticker on the nipple or a see-through piece of silk overtop of them. What's the big deal? We see nudity on PBS, what's the difference between those people and celebrities?

Third, who cares? Janet Jackson isn't exactly the center of the pop culture universe and, while Justin Timberlake might be closer to the center of that universe, it wasn't his breast that was broadcast on national television. When people can't even remember that there was this guy named Osama Bin Laden that we were trying to catch once upon a time, how can someone believe that this will have a lasting impact other than finally helping Americans to get over their fear of public nudity?

In the end Janet took the blame for it saying, "The decision to have a costume reveal at the end of my halftime show performance was made after final rehearsals. MTV was completely unaware of it. It was not my intention that it go as far as it did. I apologize to anyone offended - including the audience, MTV, CBS and the NFL." Thus basically taking the fall for Viacom and the NFL. In the end, even if it was a publicity stunt that the FCC ends up fining people millions for, the amount of money gained that day would pay for that stunt eleven times over.

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Insert Angry Voice Here: Pro-Inquiry

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Last week, when I was extremely busy one day, and arrived at my meeting of the Curriculum Development Committee late, nobody said anything. They understood that I, as an active student, had lots of things to do, and lots of things on my mind. They understood how busy my schedule got, and they understood that the few minutes I was able to spend there would be valuable to me. I hope that my ideas were valuable to them.

While at this meeting, the committee, meeting with another faculty committee, the Curriculum Operations Committee, discussed reforms in the first year program (which we all affectionately know as Inquiry). This has been a constant topic of discussion for the CDC, and they have put a lot of time, effort, and brain power into making it even better than what it already does so well - teaches we students to learn.

That is one of the main things that I think some people tend to forget about Inquiry. Of course, we all remember Plato's "Cave" and "The Tragedy of the Commons" and "Lifeboat Ethics" and Marx. But do we remember why we were taught those things in the first place? The purpose of Inquiry is to teach us to question everything, and to seek connections with everything. That's what the whole "liberal arts" stigma is about - everything is connected, especially in the realm of education. I was very fortunate to have two very good professors for my Inquiry classes - and by "good," I mean professors who were patient enough to deal with my rather grating personality. These professors really helped to open my mind and to help me see that even if I were in a Physics class, I could connect a piece of literature, or something from a politics class, or even something from bowling to the topic at hand. Making those connections makes us understand things better than we would if we just took everything separately, and that is what makes a liberal arts education so special, as well as so challenging.

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Anyway, we have been discussing the possibility of making the first-year program a one-semester-only course. We're even thinking of not even calling it "Inquiry" anymore. We've done a lot of study, brainstorming, debating, and organizing in our efforts to improve this program, and frankly, I'm really proud of the CDC for it, and I'm proud of my admittedly minor contribution to the effort.

During this meeting last week, a major concern, and a point of worry that caught my attention, was the concern that all of the professors had over student satisfaction. One particular point that was brought up was the fact that some students would complain about their Inquiry professor giving them a midterm, while a friend's professor didn't assign one. This really upset me, because I could see the obvious looks of concern on the professors' faces about the students' getting the full benefits of the class, but also about the amount of freedom each professor would have in teaching the class. Now, you know me. I'm always trying to stand up for the rights of we students. I'm always trying to take on the big guy in favor of what is best for us. I'm telling you what I think about this: I think we need to suck it up.

We're in college. A midterm will not make or break us, and if it does, maybe we're not college material. Inquiry is probably one of the most important classes that you will have, or have had during your time here. It teaches us all about why this education we're spending so much money on is so special, and why it will make us better citizens and better people.

The professors really work hard to give us a class that is not just entertaining, but one that's educational. Cut them a break! They deserve to have some creative freedom when teaching us - they may not even like the material they're teaching as much as you do, but they care enough to teach it to us, and to attempt to do so in a way that will help all of us learn the maximum amount.

The CDC and the COC have worked extremely hard at fine-tuning the Inquiry program at Westminster, moving toward the best method of teaching and learning in a liberal arts college. They deserve a round of applause. And, if you're in an Inquiry class, or find that a friend of yours next year is in one and begins complaining about a midterm or a quiz, try to remind them of how much the professors actually care about what they will be taking from that class.

It's a labor of love from them - they want us to learn. I think we owe it not only to them, but to ourselves to make sure that we do indeed learn - as much as we can.

No heart vs bleeding heart: Mr. President

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

I've wanted to write this article for a long time. Finally, I, along with my college conservative friends, get the chance to explain what makes George W. Bush such a great President. I know what some of you are thinking, and shame on you for using such obscenities regarding our President! Who knows, maybe I will convert you into a Bush supporter. Let the miracle begin!

Reason #1 why Bush is awesome: He knows how to make the most of his resources. I know a lot of you question his intelligence, mostly by ridiculing his slight speaking blunders, which by the way is extremely petty, but I digress. My point is, look at his cabinet: Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, John Ashcroft, Donald Rumsfeld, Tom Ridge.

Can we say dream team of politics? This is the best assembly of political masterminds present in the Executive Office since the original Cabinet, and Bush knows it. He consults his staff and various other resources on all major decisions in order to form the most educated opinion. That's right, I said Bush and educated in the same sentence. Ponder. To me, utilizing your cabinet is an essential characteristic of a great President, and Bush has it.

Reason #2: He carries himself as a statesman and true role model. I see all you Democrats bowing down to kiss Bill Clinton's feet, but by no means was he a statesman. He didn't earn the nickname "slick Willy" for nothing. Bush on the other hand, speaks with conviction, not with what may sound politically appeasing to the general public. He talks passionately about his family, his beliefs, and his sense of values. And whether or not you believe in the same things, you have to respect him for it (See First Amendment). A Bush address is something a parent feels comfortable letting his or her child watch, unlike the SuperBowl halftime show.

Reason #3: He knows how to lead. This man is one of the best Presidents I've seen effectively employ the concept of "rallying around the flag". Think back to the tragic events of 9-11. Now recall the speech President Bush gave regarding the attacks and his vow to punish those responsible. That speech brought tears to everyone's eyes, Republicans and Democrats alike. Now picture Al Gore giving that speech.

I'm not picturing the same reaction. Why? Because Al Gore couldn't even rally me around a sandwich. Bush just has that natural talent to inspire others, and I can't get enough of it.

So what do you think of Bush now? Come on, you have to give him some credit for these qualities. Put aside partisan beliefs and just think, who do you want running the country, a moral President, or an oral President? I choose to respect my President, shouldn't you? Bush 2004!

Let it be know first of all that this weeks theme was Jess's suggestion. When it comes to writing an article about how much I hate George W. Bush, I feel a bit like a kid in a candy store.

Plain and simple, he is a dirty rotten liar. He lied about Enron, he lied about Halliburton, he lied about Iraq, he lied about intelligence, he lied about "no unfunded mandates", he lied about bridging partisan lines and the list goes on and on. It seems funny that so many conservatives were so upset with Bill Clinton's lies, but they don't seem to care about George's. At least "Monica-gate" didn't steal anyone's lifesavings or send brave soldiers to die for fictional reasons.

Most of his cronies are nothing but "chicken hawks", meaning George and his ilk weaseled their ways out of military service (mostly during Vietnam), however, he is more than willing to send others to die in war. "Where was George during Vietnam?" you may be asking. Well he was put ahead of other more-qualified individuals and admitted in the Air National Guard, thanks to his father's influence. "But at least he served!", you may be thinking, dear reader. However, while in the National Guard, George went AWOL (which meant he disappeared for more than one year with no excuse for his absence).

George's policies irritate me! And I'll say it again, even though it irritated a lot of conservatives; can anyone tell me what George and the Republican party actually stand for? The conservatives at one time stood for small government and fiscal responsibility. Now we have record deficits (with another bloated budget to come) and we pass bills like the Patriot Act (which are anything but "small government"). Those who I call "real republicans" (small governmentt/fiscal responsibility) are either abandoning the party or getting angrier and angrier as each new policy passes and erodes what the party once stood for. The Republican Party is in the hands of lunatics like Pat Robertson, Ann Coulter and Rush Limbaugh.

George's fiscal irresponsibility also personally offends me. Right now we are increasing spending and fighting two wars, while we are giving tax cuts to George's rich buddies. And who is going to pay the bills? That's right students. You and I will pay for it! George is merely putting everything on the National Credit card. You and I will be paying for George's political gluttony with higher taxes and loss of government necessities. But its worth it so Ken Lay can buy that 8th Mercedes.

The general demeanor of George W. Bush makes the bile rise to the tip of my tongue. We must remember that George W. Bush comes from one of the richest, WASP (white anglo-saxon protestant) families in the history of the United States. This is a man who has never owned a car less than $30,000.00. This is a man who has never touched dirt. This is a man who never has had to work a single day in his life. And yet, he tries, and unfortunately, to some degree, pulls of this "common man image". He leads by a the twisted and selfish version of reality that was formed by growing up with a silver spoon in his mouth.

Finally, George and his supposed "compassionate conservative" agenda make me physically ill. Since when is it "compassionate" to be homophobic? Since when is it "compassionate" to stereotype Arabs and Muslims? Since when is it compassionate to start a war (under false claims) that kills hundreds of brave Americans and thousands of Iraqi civilians? Since when is it compassionate to slander those who don't agree with you?

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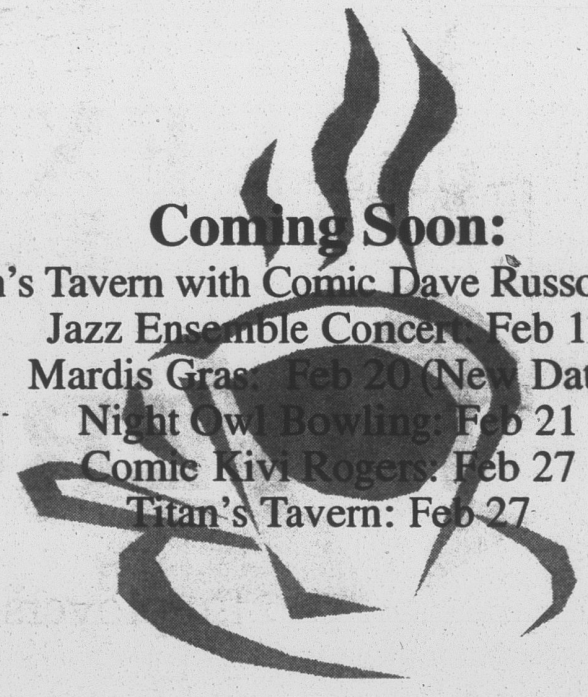

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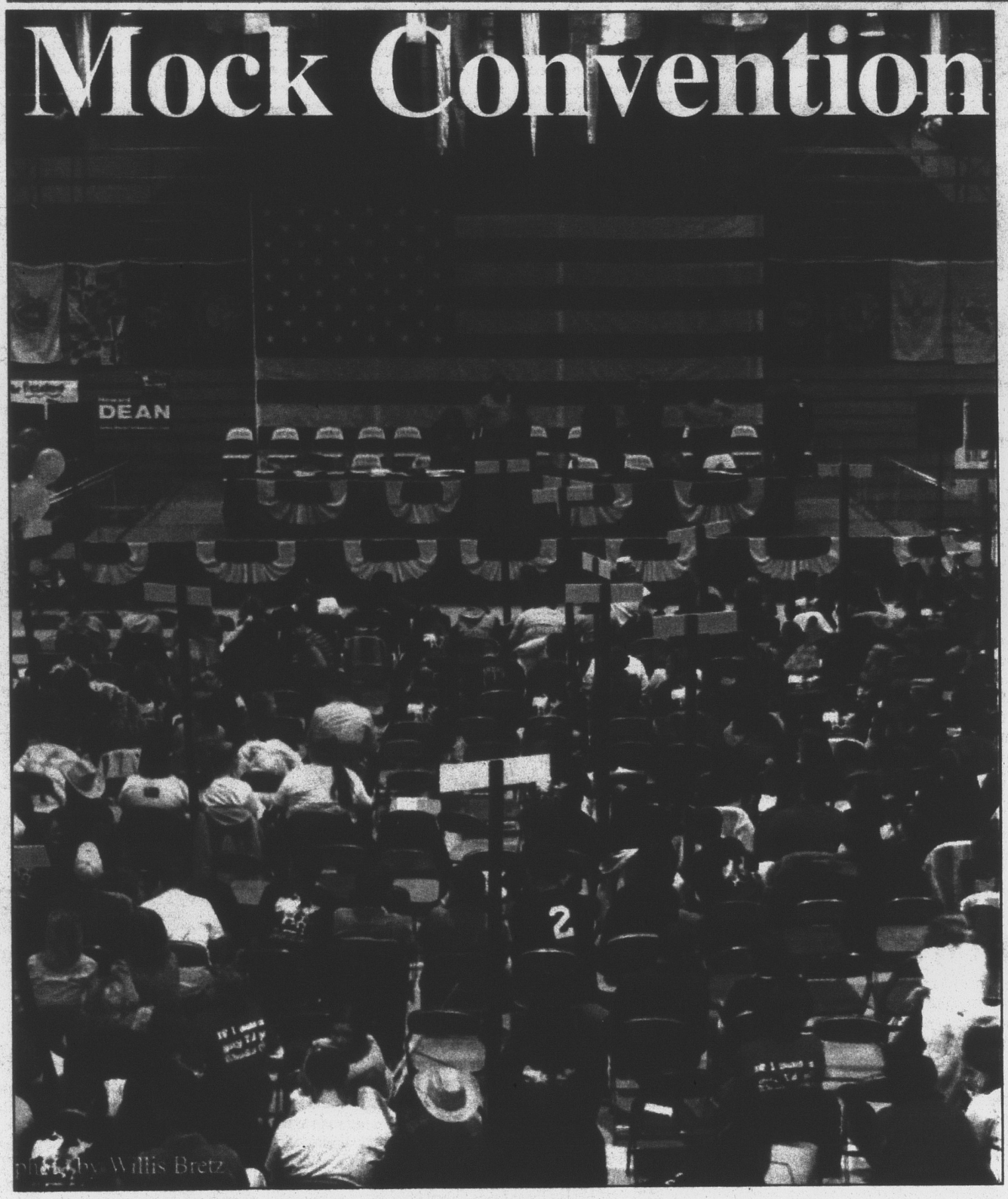

photo by Willis Bretz

by Nicole Kress
Campus Writer

February 5 and 6 marked the date of our very own Mock Political Convention, which our school is fortunate enough to host.

The Mock Convention held at our school is the nations second oldest Mock Convention. Thomas V. Mansell started this convention in 1936 and since then the tradition has continued. This year's convention was held in order to help rally support for the Democratic Party because they are the party out of power for this election.

"I was really surprised with how much the students got into it, I really thought that a lot of them were just going to sit there and get it over with and leave, especially in the debates," said junior co-campaign manager coordinator, Jessica Rummel.

This two-day event took place in the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. In the past Mock Elections, over 89 percent of the campus has been involved. However, this year, freshman in the Inquiry 102 program were required to participate, which encouraged even more participation on behalf of the student body.

The majority of the student and faculty participated in the convention by being a state delegate. All of the United State's states and territories were represented with delegates distributed according to their populations. Each territory has a state chair, which was responsible for the organization of their state. The state chairs served as the spokespeople for their particular districts. Many of the states planned out themes for Thursday night's parade and the vast majority of the states continued their themes on Friday night.

"I had my state dress up as the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night, and we even started off the evening with a game of baseball in the gym," said sophomore, Illinois's state representative Christy Martin.

"I think Texas really did a great job of showing pride for their state," Sara Camerota, California's state chair said. "Every night, these delegates came decked out as cowboys and cowgirls and if that wasn't enough, they were extremely enthusiastic," Camerota said. Friday night, Texas was named the most colorful state by the conventions executive com

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WC stands behind Clark for 2004 race

photo by Willis Bretz

Chemistry professor Peter Smith debates with New Mexico delegate Maggie Muir

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-mittee.

Aside from making a creative roll call, the states were responsible for debating the platform brought forth by the Democratic Party.

"At times, I felt the debate was getting heated, especially in areas concerning minorities, sexuality and women's rights," senior Natalie Lafferty said. As a result of the disagreement over these issues, the debates took place over a two night period.

However aside from all the fun, the real matter of the conventions was in the hands of the five campaign managers. About three months ago, the campaign managers took on the responsibility of representing five of the possible presidential democratic candidates. The candidates are included, General Wesley Clark represented by Ashleigh Oram, ex-governor, Howard Dean represented by Andrew Huston, U.S Congressmen Richard Gephardt, represented by Heather Kydd, U.S. Senator John Kerry represented by John Knapp, and U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich represented by Colby King. These five Westminster students took the inative to represent these candidates and gather support from the delegates of each state.

On the final night of Mock Convention each campaign manager spoke on behalf of their candidate in one last attempt to pursue certain delegation to vote for their candidate. After the final campaign speeches were given the job was up to each individual delegate to cast their vote. Each state chair was required to obtain a vote by each of their delegates and report the votes to the executive committee.

"The problem with the voting was that not only does the candidate with the most votes win, but the candidate must win by at least a two-thirds vote," said senior Drew Huston.

If no candidate received a two-thirds majority then the convention's rules stated that everyone must revote. In the second vote if no candidate received a two-thirds majority there will be one final vote in which the candidate with the majority of votes wins. In this year's convention this is exactly what happened. The vote was extremely tight between General Wesley Clark and U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich. However, after the entire process was completed, Clark had won the election in a majority vote. Kucinich was later elected by the deiegation as Vice President.

"I had such a great time at the convention. I learned so much about the nature of campaigning and the value of networking," said senior Ashleigh Oram, Wesley Clark campaign manager. "The event itself seemed to fly by but some of my favorite highlights were the hilarity of the states' call to roll, Paul Begala's speech, the campaign managers' speeches and above all making my Dad proud. I was so excited to just be there and participate. I am very grateful for such a surprise win, I sincerely believe it could've been anyone's game."

"I was excited by the results and impressed that Dennis Kucinich could win Vice President in our convention. Overall the convention was a great experience and a lot of fun and I want to thank everyone who contributed anything to it," King said.

"I was really surprised that Clark won, Ashleigh did a great job but I would have expected that Dean would have had stronger support. It wasn't that I thought the individual candidates did a bad job campaigning, because I thought they all were wonderful, I just thought that more people were behind the actual candidate of Howard Dean," said Rummel co-campaign manager coordinator.

"The Mock Convention's results were kind of a mixed bag for me. Obviously, I would have loved to do better in regards to the voting, I think all of us wanted the nomination. However, from the very beginning of the campaigning, Ashleigh and I made an agreement to not take things too seriously, to not campaign negatively or in shady ways, and to be sure that our ultimate goal was that we have fun. The two of us, I believe, really succeeded at that," Huston said.

The convention featured Paul Begala a political speaker who worked very closely on the Clinton campaign. Begala spoke on Thursday evening of the convention.

"Despite one's political ideology, adults can separate good people and bad polices," Begala said.

"I felt this was a key point to the convention because a good number of participants were not democratic and showed their support for President Bush," Camerota said.

"Overall I think it was a great success, a great deal of hard work and dedication went into this convention to make it possible, and I'm very proud of each candidate, I think they all did an amazing job," said junior Russell Mills, co campaign manager coordinator.

"The Mock Convention itself exceeded my expectations, it was much more professional and impressive than I had thought it would be, and that was a wonderful surprise. A personal highlight for me was being able to deliver my speech to the students and faculty, which I believe was well-received. If I or anybody managed to help people think about the issues and how they really affect them, then I really think the Mock Convention was a success," Huston said.

"No matter what side of the aisle you sat on perhaps, Mr. Mansell's son said it best when he gave the welcoming address on Thursday night, when he commented on the participation level in the convention and how he was happy to see that we as students and young leaders of the world take politics serious," said Heather M. Jones, Pennsylvania's state representative.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students explore future through job shadowing

by Elizabeth Bacheson
Campus Writer

"A Day in the Life of My Future" career shadowing program provided students the opportunity to job shadow in their field of interest from Jan. 12-16.

Established by the Alumni Council in 1995, "A Day in the Life of My Future" began with the hope that Westminster alumni could share their experiences in a way that could benefit current students. Through this program, many students have not only learned more about the career that they are interested in, but have had the opportunity to establish network contacts for both internships and future job opportunities.

"We are pleased that the program has been beneficial to both students and alumni," said Director of Alumni Relations Mary James. "We hope the connections that are made each year during shadowing visits will continue to be fruitful and that students now exploring career options will take time to share their experiences when they are alumni."

Junior Broadcast Communications major Pat Sandora went to WKBN in Youngstown, Ohio. Sandora got to attend meetings with producers and the general manager, and worked under an assignment editor. He then went out with a reporter to film a story and even helped to write the script for the 5:00 news that day.

"I loved it," said Sandora. "It made me feel like I was on the right career path. They used all the terms and technology as we use here at Westminster and I felt really comfortable. The people there were impressed that I could follow along with them and knew what they were talking about."

Ashley Seidelson, a sophomore accounting major, spent her day shadowing at Malin, Bergquist & Company, LLP, an accounting and financial planning firm on McKnight Road, outside of Pittsburgh.

"I enjoyed it and had a positive experience learning more about public accounting," said Seidelson. "I would definitely participate in this program again, but hope next time I could go to a larger firm to be able to see different aspects of the accounting world."

Sophomore Public Relations major Laura Zorch went to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in downtown Pittsburgh.

"During my day there I was taught how to use the computer system for photography, spent time with a reporter who was doing an article called "Eating Your Way Through Western PA" about the different restaurants in our area, and then I spent a lot of time in the Art Department where they showed me how to create the work that they put into the paper," she said.

Senior Speech Communications major John Libert went to the Mellon Arena in downtown Pittsburgh. He shadowed Todd Lepovsky, a 2003 Westminster graduate, who works in public relations for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"I really enjoyed my day," said Libert. "Todd took me around the arena while I listened to him tell me what he does for the Penguins. I also got to meet some people, such as the Penguin's General Manager, Craig Patrick."

Libert summed up his experience by saying, "I would recommend the job shadowing program to others because it's a good opportunity to check out the real world possibilities that exist in the career area that you would like to pursue."

Registration for "A Day in the Life of My Future" was held last semester from Sept. 25-27. Once signed up, students were required to attend an information session at the Career Center to prepare them for their shadowing experience. The actual shadowing took place during the week of Jan. 12-16, or was based upon the availability of their particular host.

Open windows possible cause for pipe burst in Eich

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Junior Sam Meriwether never made it to his early class Friday morning, on Jan. 31. His still-groggy roommate, Jerad Smith, told him he'd heard a noise in the other room, and when they turned on the lights, they discovered a stream of water leaving their radiator.

Juniors Meriwether, Michael Kohowski, and Thomas Kaminsky, along with sophomore Smith, had combined Eichenauer dorm rooms 235 and 237 into a suite, and so the leak affected all four students. Immediately, Meriwether and Smith began to lift all of their electronics out of the five-foot area where nearly an inch of water had already collected, trying to save computers, cords and wires, a telephone and a charging digital video camera.

"For as much hassle as our school gives upper-classmen about living off campus, it's things like this that make me frustrated about the current [housing] policy," said Meriwether, who is forgiving of the incident, but unappreciative of off-campus living policies.

Damages included the digital video camera and the telephone. The school's property insurance covered these damages in this instance, according to Donald Shelenberger of the business office.

Meriwether described the leak as running constantly, like a stream from a faucet, making a hissing noise as it exited the pipe, perhaps because the water was so hot.

Once objects had been removed from harm's way, the students then called the physical plant, and employee John Gerber arrived within 15 minutes, says Meriwether. Gerber acted quickly, heading downstairs to shut the water off to room 237, where the leak had sprung.

To dry the room, they used a wet-vac to suck the water off the floor, and the students set fans onto their rooms for the remainder of the day. Complaint of the smell from the water continued, and neighbor Sophomore Micah Delo claims that the odor could be detected several rooms down.

By 4 p.m., Gerber returned and had replaced the broken pipe, restoring heat not just to the building, but also to room 237, says Owen Wagner, director of the physical plant.

However, damages spread to two rooms on the first floor. Below, seniors Matthew Steve and Nicholas Fritch still slept as water dripped down from both sides of their ceiling. Steve mistook the sound for rain outside, and Fritch said he did not even notice until a custodian began pounding on their door to wake them up.

Their other two roommates, seniors Steve Scott and Jeffrey Freund, were not in the rooms at the time of the incident.

Water also leaked through just one side of the other half of their sweet, room 137, says Fritch. Most of the leak, though, occurred in room 139, where Jeffrey Freund's computer was damaged. The school's insurance also covered the cost of the computer.

Originally, the physical plant speculated that the leak was caused when the pipe froze, after a window to the room had been left open. Sophomore Micah Delo, a neighbor to Meriwether and his roommates, was skeptical of the theory, saying that many Eichenauer residents leave their windows open at night, frequently much wider than the inch-wide crack in room 237's window that morning.

Donald Shelenberger is not certain that the open window was the culprit, either, since the room would have had to become extremely cold in order to burst the pipes. Shelenberger says that is part of the reason the school accepted liability for this incident. Also, there is some debate over whether or not students knew not to leave their windows open.

One other possibility, says Shelenberger, is that when many residents in Eichenauer left their windows open that night, the pumps had to work harder in order to circulate the hot water that heats the rooms. This could have contributed to the pipe's bursting Friday morning.

Owen Wagner of the physical plant strongly advises students to keep their windows shut in the winter, particularly if they are going to be out of their rooms for the weekend or over break. "If there's an overheating situation, we should be made aware of it," he said.

Shelenberger says that there are normally about 2 to 3 incidents of water damage at the school each year, and that one other accident already occurred this year when students left a shower running over fall break, resulting in a great deal of steam and mold damage.

In order to protect themselves, Shelenberger suggests that students make sure to secure their rooms and windows before leaving for break, shutting off faucets and even locking the doors between sweets to prevent theft.

He also encourages students to check and make sure that they are covered under a rider with their parents' home-owner's insurance policy, which he says is relatively inexpensive, and will cover damages in their rooms that the school is not liable for.

Mr. Cherney says goodbye

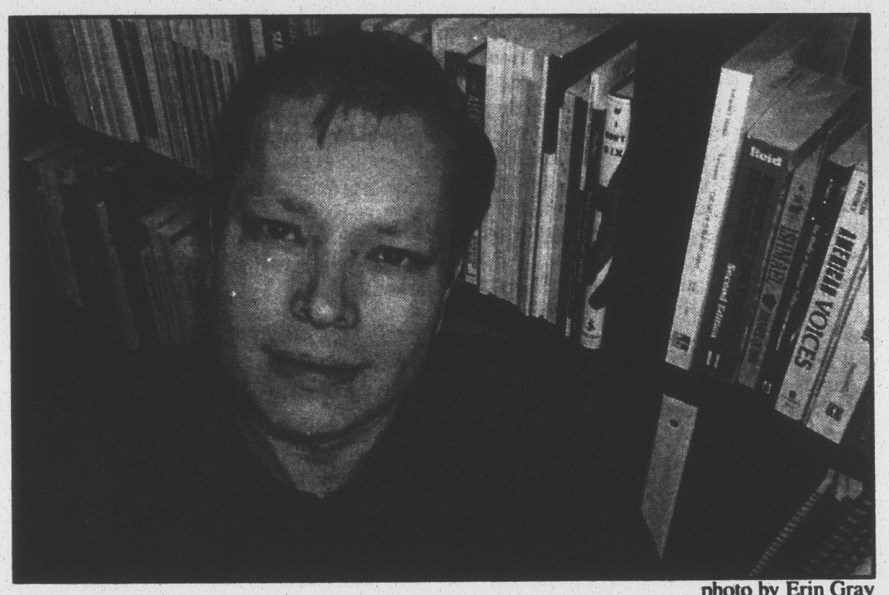

photo by Erin Gray

Mr. James Cherney will be missed by faculty and students as he leaves to teach at Miami University in the fall.

by Andrea Thompson
Campus Writer

Next semester, Westminster will be losing a very valuable member of its faculty. Instructor James Cherney will be making the move to Miami University in Ohio in order to teach on a higher level and pursue new interests.

Cherney is an instructor of communication studies, theatre and art here on campus and has been involved with many activities and organizations as well. He's held the position of Faculty Secretary and has been a member of the Curriculum Development Committee. His presence will be missed as he begins a new teaching position at Miami.

"I will teach rhetorical and critical theory to graduate students in my discipline, as Miami has a strong Master's program in Speech Communication and Rhetoric," he said.

Also, Cherney will have the opportunity to make a lasting effect at Miami.

"I will develop courses in disability studies and rhetoric and work with other faculty to establish a Disability Studies minor," he said.

When asked what he liked most about his time spent here, he affirmed that it was the people and the community he especially enjoyed.

"I like playing my regular racquetball game with Faculty Development Officer Fritz Horn. I like working the Egg Drop event at the annual Science Olympiad" he said. "But most of all, I like the people here."

Assistant professor, Scott Mackenzie, who considers Cherney his unofficial faculty mentor, will remember the warm welcome he received from him, upon his arrival at Westminster.

"He showed me the ropes day in and day out," he said. "I will always appreciate the extra effort he made to make my transition to Westminster smooth."

Although Mackenzie will miss Cherney's insight and advice, as a friend and colleague, he says that he is happy for the opportunity that awaits him at Miami.

"I will miss working with him, but I am very glad that he is moving into a position that fits his interests and abilities so nicely," he said.

Junior, Jill Sanker who had taken Cherney's speech class as a freshman states that he had a large impact on her college career.

"I had him for speech class and my biggest phobia is public speaking - he influenced me in a way that not many other teachers have, in that he gave me the confidence to keep going even when I felt silly or nervous," she said. "And he also made me realize that people did care about what I had to say."

Among others whom Cherney has touched are those involved with the speech and debate team. Cherney states that he will never forget the students who helped to revive the Speech and Debate team, as well of those students who are currently on the team.

"The times we spent together preparing, traveling, losing and winning were some of the best times I had during my short stay at Westminster," he said.

Although he is looking ahead to new challenges and new opportunities at Miami, Cherney says that he will truly miss what he has come to love at Westminster.

"I will miss a lot of Westminster when my family and I leave. I will especially miss the collegiality, the small campus connections, and the students that I have come to know and respect," he said. "I have been blessed to work with a great department, and be supported by a wonderful faculty and administration. I will leave a lot of friends."

Jazz Ensemble to perform this weekend

by Jon Shaw
Campus Writer

The Westminster College Jazz Ensemble will perform Friday Feb. 13 starting at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last about an hour.

"We will be playing various types of jazz. We'll have Swing, Latin, Jazz Fusion, and ballads mixed with rock elements," said Dr. Grieg who is the director of the concert, and responsible for setting everything up. "We are really trying to make it an educational jazz concert, but at the same time we're staying away from the light jazz which will make it more enjoyable for all listeners."

This concert is going to be full of modern, classical, and hard-line jazz. "We will be playing a wide variety of styles of jazz that are very interesting with excellent players," said senior Jonathan Tomaszewski. Some of the music that will be played consists of jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Chick Corea and Louie Bellson.

Also, vital to any good concert, there will be plenty of solos. For those of you who do not know, a solo is when one of the performers plays separately from everyone else.

"I play the guitar [and] in the concert I will be performing two solos myself," said Tomaszewski. A solo gives the performer an opportunity to show off his skills to the whole crowd.

As well as witnessing great performances, viewers will also have the privilege of sitting in the student lounge. If you have not been there yet, this is a perfect opportunity.

"It is an extremely comfortable atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy anything," said junior Craig Bohyer. "As a fan of music, watching an up-tempo jazz concert performed by my peers would be a great show and a fun experience for all who attend."

Health Center not just for flu season

by Courtney Turek
Campus Writer

As the cold weather continues to linger on campus, flu season accompanies it. Whether you need a visit with the doctor or just drop by for a cough drop, you should take advantage of the Health Center on campus, which offers a variety of services.

According to Judy Duda, the main nurse on staff, although flu spread throughout campus before Christmas break, the Health Center has not seen one case of the flu this semester. "But that doesn't mean it isn't coming," Duda said, "because these are the times for the flu."

Simple actions like washing your hands, taking vitamins, eating right and resting can prevent winter colds and flu.

If you do feel under the weather, make an appointment at the Health Center, or just walk in.

"When you come to see a nurse, we usually evaluate your symptoms and give you your options," said Duda. Those options can include anything from over the counter medicines to appointments with the doctor, who usually works from 8:15a.m. to 9:15a.m.

The Health Center, located in Shaw dormitory, is open from 7:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Monday through Friday, when classes are in session. Duda works every day and has one of three other nurses helping her from 8a.m. to 12p.m.

The Health Center offers many services besides free doctor's visits and over the counter drugs. You can get free health information and school-related physicals, or select tests and allergy injections for a small fee. You can also meet with a counselor who is available from 9a.m. to 5p.m., Monday through Friday.

The newest addition to the Health Center will be an AIDS test. This Orasure test takes a sample from the mouth, so no blood samples are involved. Scheduled to begin March 1, these tests will be offered to students every Monday.

Duda urges students to stop by the Health Center to find out about each of the services available. Many students don't know about these benefits, and some don't even know where the Health Center is.

"I have no idea where to find the Health Center, but I've never needed to use it," junior Sean Diefenderfer said.

You can make an appointment by calling extension 7927 to speak with the nurse or leave a message; your call will be returned the next morning.

If you're not sure whether or not you need to visit the Health Center, follow this rule of thumb. "My general rule is that if you're not good enough to go to class, come see us," Duda said.

Brothers 'Nu' and improved

by Jennifer Pierotti
Campus Writer

After "breaking the rules," Sigma Nu fraternity has been given a second chance. Over Christmas Break, the 19 brothers of the fraternity were allowed to move back into the house to live for the second semester. Even though the fraternity was not shut down for an entire year, the brothers have a lot of work ahead of them to get back on track.

Temporarily, Pat Vereb will be the residential advisor living at the Sigma Nu house. If the level of behavior coincides with the expectations of Nationals, Vereb will only be there for this semester. The house will not be opened for parties on the weekends. Instead, the brothers look forward to spending the semester working hard and doing community service.

Junior Tanner Larson, vice president of Sigma Nu said "The main goals of the semester are getting the brothers more involved, setting higher standards, and placing more emphasis on participation."

Community service is a main focus for the brothers. Their philanthropy is the Mario Lemieux Foundation which supports cancer. On May 1, Sigma Nu will be hosting a kickball tournament, "Kickin' it with Sig Nu." This event will be opened to all students, faculty and the entire New Wilmington community. All proceeds will be going to the Mario Lemieux Foundation.

Additional projects planned are adopt-a-highway and visiting the Shenango Presbyterian Home for different activities with the senior citizens. Sigma Nu will also be participating, with all the other Greeks on campus, in supporting the Lynch family on a holiday. Their holiday is Valentines Day, in which the brothers will be shopping for gifts which will be sent to the family.

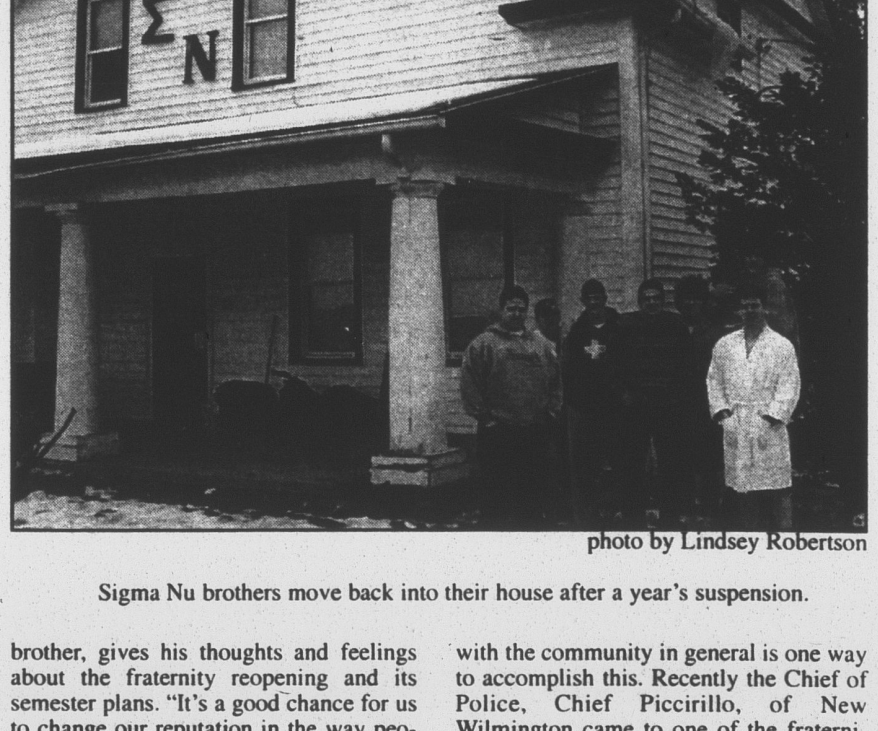

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Sigma Nu brothers move back into their house after a year's suspension.

Edward DeRose, junior Sigma Nu brother, gives his thoughts and feelings about the fraternity reopening and its semester plans. "It's a good chance for us to change our reputation in the way people stereotype us. We're not just a bunch of meatheads."

Another one of the fraternity's goals this semester is to improve their image and reputation. Anthony Griffith, junior and president of Sigma Nu, feels that one way to accomplish this is through diversity. "We want a diverse community in the house." Griffith further explained that Sigma Nu currently has a variety of members. The fraternity is not made up of only football players. There are many different kinds of athletes and those who do not play sports at all.

Larson feels that by getting more involved not only with the college but with the community in general is one way to accomplish this. Recently the Chief of Police, Chief Piccirillo, of New Wilmington came to one of the fraternity's meetings. Griffith explained that the goal was to connect with the community, learn more about the community rules and show that Sigma Nu are trying to make the best of their second chance.

Junior Jerome Bonenberger, Recruitment Chair, said, "We are looking forward to picking up some well-rounded, hard working young men," in reference to boys' pick up day, Saturday, February 7.

The fraternity hopes that with a new, diverse group they will be able to create new friendships, work on old ones, and show the college that they are a warm welcoming place.

CPC to book fall entertainment

by Logan Herlinger
Campus Writer

This Valentine's Day, the Campus Programming Committee will be working hard to provide weekend entertainment for the campus community by attending a special event geared towards teaching programming skills.

On Feb. 14, the Campus Programming Committee will travel to Cincinnati to participate in the National Association of Campus Activities. NACA is an event that gives campus programmers the chance to preview a variety of bands, comedians, lectures and everything in between.

The group going to NACA includes Camille Hawthorne, CPC president Tom Burkhart, seniors Craig Carlin and Diana Rodenhausen, junior Jessica Bevan and first year students Charlie Judge and Colby Neely.

The event, which lasts until Feb. 18, is where most of Westminster's weekend entertainment is found and booked.

"There is a lot that goes into booking performers. Because NACA is a national conference, the CPC competes with schools across the nation for the same acts. A lot of times the CPC has to work in conjunction with other schools to get acts to choose our area over others," said Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs and CPC advisor.

Before going to the convention the committee tries to get a sense of what the student body wants to see.

"I've been attending CPC sponsored events my whole college career and I think that the best, and most well received acts, are comedians," said senior Brian Glass.

Senior Wade Edwards also had advice for the organization. "I really enjoy the Mardi Gras Festival that the CPC helps put on and I'd like to see more events like it. Also I believe that because of the school's large Greek system, if CPC worked more closely with the IFC and Panhellenic Council, we might get a better turnout for these events."

Along with viewing performers and booking new acts to bring to campus, the CPC members also attend a variety of workshops. These workshops teach skills that campus programmers use in the field.

"To be a good member of the committee you have to be knowledgeable about different artists and performers. NACA provides a forum to help acquire that knowledge," said Hawthorne.

The NACA is not the only event like this. There is also a regional convention in the fall, but Westminster was not able to attend in 2003 because the event fell on homecoming.

"I am looking forward to going to NACA this year. I feel confident that the CPC will find a lot of great entertainment to bring to Westminster in the coming year," said Burkhart.

The CPC used to be a branch of SGA, but now is a stand-alone organization with its own budget. Hawthorne admitted that the CPC is in a stage of development and that they are still looking for students to fill key positions in the organization.

For more information on CPC, or to voice your opinion about what entertainment should come to campus, contact Burkhart at extension 6470.

Who's Who recognizes 42 students

by Chris Morgenstern
Campus Writer

Forty two Westminster students were nominated into the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities program this spring.

The students, representing a wide variety of majors, were honored for their many achievements in their fields of interest.

Senior elementary education major Katie Alukonis is proud to be included in the program. "I consider it a great honor to be nominated and accepted," Alukonis said.

Tawnya Brown, a senior biology major, education minor, was also nominated and accepted into Who's Who. "My mom was in the Who's Who when she was in college, so it was a personal goal I wanted to achieve. It was truly an honor to me that professors and others recognize all my hard work and dedication," Brown said.

These students that have excelled in the class, in their sports, and in the community will be honored at a banquet. This banquet will be held for those accepted into the program on March 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lakeview dining room.

Nominating committees, made up of faculty, administration and members of the student body choose students for the program. The faculty must endorse all nominees before they can be accepted into the program.

Faculty looks for students who have made significant contributions in the community and classroom. Extracurricular activities and leadership qualities are also taken into consideration, ensuring a well-rounded group of students. Upperclassman and graduate students are eligible for Who's Who.

Who's Who is a highly respected program and its tradition of excellence has gained the respect of colleges and universities nationwide.

It is one of the longest running honors programs in the nation, and more than 1,900 schools participate across the country.

The program began in 1934 and has been running for 71 years. Pettus Randall started the program at the University of Alabama.

Who's Who celebrates students' scholastic attainments and academic contributions to their respective colleges. This nationwide program gives colleges and universities a list of quotas for students to be nominated.

What wasn't seen during the Superbowl

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

This year the Superbowl was riddled with controversy, from Janet Jackson's indecent exposure and Nelly's crotch grabbing to CBS's refusal to air what it considered to be controversial commercials.

Moveon.org sponsored a commercial contest entitled Bush in 30 Seconds. The organization wanted the winning commercial "Child's Pay" to be aired on Superbowl Sunday. The anti-Bush advertisement was turned down by CBS. The network also refused to air a commercial created by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The reasons cited were that the ads were too 'controversial.' CBS has a policy which does not allow them to air ads which are considered to be 'controversial.'

According to the Moveon.org website, CBS received over 340,000 e-mails and phone calls asking for the network to stop censorship. "CBS is refusing to air ads created by the Bush in 30 seconds and the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, even though the White House will be allowed to run one," states the website of Moveon.org. "As we enter an election year, it's critical that our media institutions be fair and open to all speakers."

Despite the overwhelming amount of information on Moveon.org's website, neither the CBS website or the Viacom website make any mention of the controversy or the debate it has sparked over free speech.

Dr. Andrea Grove Assistant Professor of political science & sociology agrees with Moveon.org from a political science standpoint. More specifically she agrees with Moveon.org's statements about the unfairness of CBS and does not understand what is controversial about the commercial. "The only thing it does that's controversial is that it criticizes the president's economic policies," said Grove. "They are just trying to keep criticism of the government out of the public's eye."

First year personal interdisciplinary major Colby King also disagrees with CBS's decision not to air the commercials, but was more upset about the refusal to air Moveon.org's commercial. "I don't think it would've hurt CBS at all to air that commercial," said King. "If anything, it would've been one of those really cool commercials that everyone talks about the day after the Superbowl and who knows, maybe it would've increased the level of political debate in our country and more than 39 percent of our country would vote in November."

Dennis Buffone junior history major has an altogether different view of the situation. He understands why CBS chose not to air the commercials. "They would have lost corporate sponsors," said Buffone.

He also feels that the Moveon.org commercial would not have been an asset to the network. "I am in favor of political commercials," said Buffone. "But I really wish that media companies would broadcast or print commercials that would force people to think about the issues in a logical way."

You can view the controversial commercials on both Moveon.org and PETA's websites.

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WKBN-TV Labor Dispute Turns Interns Away

The labor dispute at WKBN in Youngstown that has anchors and reporters walking the picket line is now keeping Westminster students away from their internships. Interns and Broadcast Communications majors Melissa Toy and Sarah Bowers say station managers told hold off on internships until the dispute is resolved. Last month WKBN management locked out reporters, anchors and photographers because they refused to accept a contract offer. Currently non-union staff and managers are presenting limited newscasts on the CBS affiliate. Meanwhile, the interns say they've received word from that the Broadcasting Department will make accommodations so they can complete their internship requirements.

New Minor Heads to the Movies

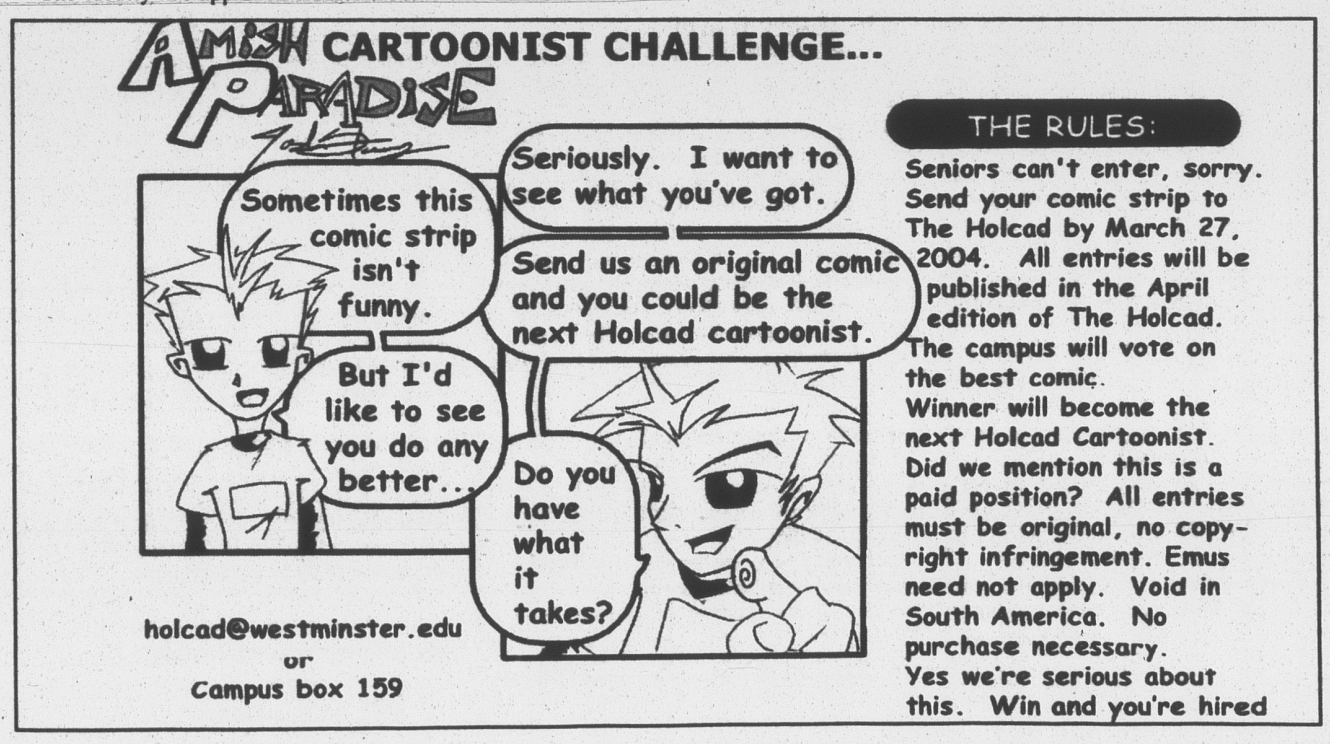
The faculty has approved a new minor that could attract students who are big movie fans. A film studies minor will promote film literacy with such courses as "Introduction to Film Studies" as well as one whole course devoted to Alfred Hitchcock. The English, Public Relations and Modern Language Department will over see this new minor that could begin as early as next year.

Fewer Credits Needed to Graduate

The first-year students who arrive at Westminster next fall won't have to get as many credits to graduate as students who are now enrolled. New students will need 128 credits where current students need 132. Academic Dean Jess Mann says the change in graduation requirements is a matter of just one class—but it's a way for the administration to help the faculty adjust to a lower teaching load without hiring new faculty. The college is in the process of reducing the number of classes faculty teach from seven classes to six and half each year. A budget crunch also has the administration looking at ways to adjust to the reduced teaching load without hiring more faculty.

Mock Convention Costs

With the Mock Convention now offer, how much did the event cost? According to faculty advisor Jim Rhoads the convention cost about $25,000. A big chunk of that money went to the guest speaker. CNN Crossfire commentator Paul Begala received a $10,000 speaker's fee for his appearance at Thursday night's events. The rest of the money goes to operating costs including campaign signs, publicity and setting up the field house. Rhoads says almost half of the $25,000 convention budget comes from SGA money collected over a four year period. Advertisers and state delegate fees also contribute to the convention-- But the biggest chunk of money comes from SGA which is funded by tuition.



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Four-year-old state crime labs suffer from detrimental rain damage

CLEVELAND (AP) It could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair leaks, structural damage and other problems at a 4-year-old state crime laboratory, a recently renovated regional lab and a new police training academy, officials said.

Officials at the headquarters of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, located in London, west of Columbus, are awaiting an engineer's report before asking for money to make repairs.

Water from last fall's heavy rains penetrated the roof of the $17.8 million BCI facility, peeling sheets of wallpaper above the front entrance and leaving pools of water on a ledge above the door. In the computer crimes evidence room, water-soaked ceiling tiles caved in, forcing employees to find other storage for computers, discs and other evidence.

Almost every third-floor office, including the DNA genetics lab, has sagging and mildewed ceiling tiles. BCI supervisors and the office of Attorney General Jim Petro, who oversees the state labs, said no evidence has been contaminated.

In addition to the water damage, BCI has heating, ventilation and electrical problems, rows of dead trees in the parking lot and a pigeon infestation that has left the roof caked with bird droppings.

"It's a building whose life span, if these problems aren't addressed, is 10 years," said Lana Ruebel, Petro's chief of staff.

Lesser damage has been discovered at BCI's crime lab in Richfield in northeast Ohio and at the recently constructed Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, also located in London.

Problems at the Richfield lab, which was renovated for $8.7 million in September 2001, include cracks every three to six feet in the exterior walls of the building, roof leaks and seeping water infiltration in the investigation garage.

At the training academy, completed for $9.3 million last August, the contractor has requested an additional $224,304 to fix drywall cracks, skylight leaks and other problems.

Paul Pryor, the BCI building's architectural representative, and Robert Stromberg, president of Gutknecht Construction Co., the project's general contractor, said most of the problems are minor maintenance issues and not construction deficiencies.

Stromberg said his company has done at least $5,000 worth of nonwarranty work at BCI in recent months.

He said his company has become a pawn in a political struggle between Petro and former Attorney General Betty Montgomery, who both plan to run for governor in 2006.

Witnesses offer more clues to 21 sniper shootings on I-71

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Witness descriptions of a gunman and a vehicle were the most detailed yet in the investigation of 21 sniper shootings along a highway south of Columbus, authorities said.

A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart on an interstate Sunday, in a case resembling the linked shootings, but the farthest yet from the original locale.

Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin stopped short of linking the two cases to the serial gunfire. However, he said they seem consistent with the Interstate 270 shootings, based on initial evidence.

Shooting victim Douglas Berry described the gunman as a middle-aged white male, with a medium build. Another motorist called 911 Sunday, reporting a black sports car on an overpass.

"We've had some vague issues in the past, but this is by far probably the best," Martin said.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 in Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus and about 25 miles from any linked shootings.

Berry, 51, of Mansfield, the driver of the Mercedes, said he was driving north on I-71 when he noticed a car pull to a stop on an overpass.

"I saw him park his car, get out of it, walk to the rail and take his shot," Berry told The Columbus Dispatch. "It sounded like a boom, a blast."

Berry thought the shooter had a handgun, because he said he would have noticed a rifle. "Even with the radio up loud, I could hear the shot. It was large caliber," he said.

The van driver, identified in a sheriff's report as Cheryl Shreyer of Baltimore in central Ohio, did not return phone messages seeking comment left at her home Sunday night.

Both vehicles were struck in the hood on the driver's side, Martin said. At the Flying J travel plaza about a mile from the shootings, a bullet hole was visible in the hood of the dark gray Mercedes, about six inches from its windshield.

A lane of I-71 northbound was closed for part of the afternoon as officers searched the area.

Martin, who heads the highway shootings investigation, said the shots were fired from two overpasses about one mile apart.

A driver on Interstate 71 called the Fayette County Sheriff's emergency dispatcher Sunday to report seeing a person standing next to a black car on an overpass, according to a recording released to the media.

One person has died in the serial shootings, which have targeted vehicles, homes and schools near the highway encircling Columbus.

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Activists to repeal charter

CINCINNATI (AP) Activists said Monday they have gathered enough petition signatures to ask voters in November to repeal a 1993 charter amendment that made Cincinnati the only U.S. city to ban enactment or enforcement of gay-rights laws.

Leaders of a group called Citizens to Restore Fairness said the charter amendment unfairly singles out gay people and keeps them from seeking legal protection against discrimination.

Laws are needed to protect people from being fired, denied housing or refused service in a restaurant or store because they are gay, said the group, which plans to submit signatures for certification before the summer deadline.

The coalition that drafted the amendment approved by 62 percent of voters said it will fight any repeal effort.

Phil Burress, chairman of the group called Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, said civil rights laws already forbid discrimination. Gay people shouldn't be entitled to additional, special protections, he said.

Last week, Mayor Charlie Luken called on voters to repeal the amendment.

Activists say the amendment even forbids gay people to lobby city officials for laws on their behalf.

Tourism officials say the charter amendment has cost Cincinnati more than $64 million in business since 1993 because organizations concerned that the city is unfriendly to gays have held their conventions elsewhere.

Road rage gets out of control

MONROEVILLE, Pennsylvania (AP) A bicyclist shot a truck driver in the arm during a confrontation that began when the man pedaling the bike made an obscene gesture, police said.

Robert Urick, 41, was charged with attempted homicide, aggravated assault and weapons offenses.

William Nicoletti, 51, told police that when he drove past Urick in his pickup truck Saturday, Urick made an obscene gesture.

Nicoletti said he turned around and drove toward Urick, who pulled out a pistol and threatened to shoot, police said. Officers said Urick then reached into the truck, shot Nicoletti once in the arm and rode away on his bike.

Nicoletti rammed Urick off his bike and they fought briefly until Urick fled again, police said.

Police said they arrested Urick later that day, and he told them he made the gesture because Nicoletti had told him to get off the road.

Urick remained in jail Monday in lieu of $100,000 bail. A hearing was set for Feb. 17.

Weapons at work

GROVE CITY, Pa. (AP) A juvenile detention center worker brought a loaded gun, two hunting knives and a pellet rifle to work with him, authorities said.

Nathan Horstman, 34, of Grove City, was arrested Sunday at the George Junior Republic School in Grove City. He was being held in the Mercer County Jail charged with possession of a weapon on school property. It was unclear if he had an attorney.

Horstman, a cottage parent, brought a loaded 9 mm pistol, two large hunting knives and a .22-caliber pellet rifle into the school, state police said.

George Junior Republic is where, authorities say, two teenagers in December strangled a counselor and escaped using his truck. The teens are awaiting trial on charges of criminal homicide, robbery and conspiracy.

Disability fraud

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) A man has been accused of deceiving donors by claiming to be an injured law enforcement officer, often using a wheelchair to solicit money, authorities say.

A Delaware County grand jury has charged John Schmoll, 41, with engaging in corrupt activity, theft and telecommunications fraud in a scheme that prosecutors say netted Schmoll as much as $30,000 nationwide since 2000. He walked to a police cruiser after his arrest on Friday.

"It is tragic," police detective Rob Penrod said.

Several victims were disabled police officers who thought they were donating money for scholarships to disabled police officers' children, he said. "He took advantage of a lot of well-known, legitimate charities."

Penrod said an investigation began after two chaplains became suspicious of Schmoll when he tried to join a Fraternal Order of Police chapter and gave different stories of how he had become hurt.

"He had claimed he was paralyzed from the waist down when he fell on his handcuffs during a security detail for dignitaries as a Secret Service agent," Penrod said.

He also claimed he was injured when he fell while chasing someone at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago while on a Department of Defense security detail, Assistant Prosecutor Frank Darr said.

Teacher fired for violence

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) A Lehigh Valley Academy gym teacher charged with slamming a 9-year-old boy into a wall has been fired, the principal said.

Andrew Dear, 30, of Coplay, was charged with simple assault and harassment stemming from the alleged Jan. 13 incident. The boy had a bump on the back of his head and suffered a concussion, police said.

There was sufficient evidence that Dear violated the school's code of conduct, which prohibits employees from using corporal punishment to discipline students, principal Susan Lind said.

The boy told authorities that he was in the cafeteria "cheering for a friend during lunch" when Dear pulled him out of the room by the arm, picked him up by his shirt and twice threw him against the wall, according to court records.

Another teacher saw the incident and intervened to get the child away from Dear, according to authorities.

Dear, who had been a teacher since the charter school opened in 2002, was arraigned before District Justice Barbara Schlegel last week and released on $15,000 unsecured bail.

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More democrats throwing support behind John Kerry

WASHINGTON (AP) In an anti-Bush voting spree, Democrats are racing through their front-loaded election calendar to crown a presidential nominee - making John Kerry all but unstoppable in the delegate chase.

But their rush to judgment could backfire in the heat of a general election contest if Kerry escapes the nomination fight untested by a front-runner's usual pitfalls: gaffes, mini-scandals and buyers' remorse.

While a confident Kerry looks ahead to the fall, laying plans for a multimillion-dollar ad campaign against President Bush, his rivals are begging voters to take a second look. They have one week to slow Kerry's momentum, or the race may be over.

"You have the power to keep this debate alive," Howard Dean said Monday in Wisconsin, site of a Feb. 17 primary that every campaign views as a decisive showdown. Dean, the race's dominating force until his sudden fall a month ago, blamed the media and pundits for the premature coronation.

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark complained that "this election is flashing past so fast that for so many Americans they can hardly tell the difference between the candidates." Sen. John Edwards' spokeswoman, Jennifer Palmieri, said voters "need to let this process go a while to make sure we're ferreting out the best candidate."

But the process wasn't designed to go a while.

Led by chairman Terry McAuliffe, party leaders eliminated the traditional weeks-long gap between New Hampshire's primary and subsequent elections to ensure a nominee emerges by mid-March.

Without that lull, there was nothing to stop Kerry's momentum once he won Iowa and New Hampshire. He piled up eight more victories against two losses - and was poised to take two Southern states Tuesday.

Polls show Kerry comfortably ahead in Virginia and Tennessee while aides for the race's two Southerners, Edwards and Clark, privately acknowledge they expect to lose. That would cripple both candidacies, and give Kerry the standing to claim he is the only viable candidate.

If they stay in the race, Wisconsin may be the last stand for Kerry's rivals because:

- Edwards hopes that Dean will criticize Kerry, giving the North Carolina senator a shot at emerging as an upbeat alternative. But there is no guarantee that Dean will go negative, especially if Edwards remains in the race.

- Dean hopes that Edwards and Clark drop out after Tuesday, leaving him as the only alternative to Kerry. But even Dean knows that the harshest criticisms won't close a 30-point gap, and the latest poll had Kerry beating him 41 percent to 9 percent in Wisconsin.

- Clark hopes he can finish second to Kerry in Tennessee to keep his candidacy afloat, but he nearly bowed out of the race Feb. 3, and will face pressure to do so again.

All three camps privately acknowledge their only hope is for Kerry to stumble. While weaving all sorts of dark scenarios about how that might happen, aides say their money will soon dry up after Feb. 17 if they don't break through in Wisconsin.

Kerry's rise, like Dean's ascent last year, is a product of the hunger to beat Bush. Democrats want a winner, thus they're uniting behind Kerry and his election victories just as they rallied to Dean when he led in off-year polling and fund raising.

Voters in the early Democratic contests said in exit polls that a top quality in a candidate is the ability to beat Bush. They voted overwhelmingly for Kerry.

An official close to the Massachusetts senator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Kerry plans to tap into the Democratic National Committee's $15 million treasury to buy TV ads as soon as Bush does. The president's ads are expected to air immediately after the Democratic nomination fight is settled.

Though he refused to declare a winner, McAuliffe gleefully discussed the prospects for a quick end to the Democratic race - and a start to the fall election.

"We can't be having a primary fight going on all the way through the spring, allowing Bush to spend $200 million to distort our nominee's record," McAuliffe said. "Once I've got a nominee, I'm raising money hand over fist."

The money will allow the DNC to spend millions of dollars a week to counter Bush's ad campaign.

Unless the dynamics of the race change quickly, the money and the nomination will go to Kerry. An uneven campaigner who stumbled as the early front-runner last year, Kerry could escape the primary season without a second, more severe test. A candidate who decries special interest influence could face Bush without a full vetting of his 19-year Senate record.

"It will be over," said Sally Taylor, a 35-year-old Democrat who joined a crowd of 1,000 at a Kerry rally last weekend. "And I'll hardly know the guy I voted for."

"But," she said, "I'll have a winner."

National briefs

Mad cow search ending

WASHINGTON (AP) The Agriculture Department said Monday it is ending its search for additional cases of mad cow disease even though officials have not found all the animals they sought after the first U.S. case turned up in December.

"Our investigation is now complete," Ron De Haven, the department's chief veterinarian, told reporters in a telephone conference call. "We feel very confident the remaining animals, the ones we have not been able to positively identify, represent little risk."

The closure leaves officials not knowing what happened to 11 head of cattle among 25 that authorities consider likely to have eaten the same potentially infectious feed given to Washington state Holstein that tested positive for mad cow in December.

All 25 were among 81 born on a farm in Alberta, Canada, and shipped into the United States in 2001. Officials have found 29 of the 81, including 14 considered most at risk.

The search for the 81 cattle led authorities to 189 farms and ranches and the testing of 255 animals, none of which had bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE, the technical name for mad cow, De Haven said. Some may have gone to slaughter, but BSE tests would have spotted any that had mad cow, he said.

The likelihood of finding more cases "is pretty slim at this point," De Haven said.

Star witness in Stewart case

NEW YORK (AP) The star witness against Martha Stewart testified Monday he did not believe he was doing anything wrong when he gave her a tip that led her to dump stock in 2001.

The testimony from brokerage assistant Douglas Faneuil came as Stewart's trial resumed in Manhattan for its third week.

Faneuil said he only realized later that he was violating Merrill Lynch & Co. policy when he alerted Stewart that ImClone Systems founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his shares.

Faneuil has already testified that Stewart's broker and codefendant, Peter Bacanovic, ordered him to give Stewart the tip.

"I would say because Peter told me to do it, I did not think I was doing anything wrong," Faneuil, 28, said Monday.

The answers came as Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo attempted to separate Stewart from the discussions Faneuil and Bacanovic had on Dec. 27, 2001, the day Stewart sold ImClone stock.

"You were never asked by Martha Stewart to tell a lie, were you?" Morvillo asked.

"Correct," Faneuil replied.

Stewart and Bacanovic are accused of repeatedly lying to the government about the circumstances of the sale. They claim they had a pre-existing deal to sell ImClone shares when it fell to $60.

Cuban businesses on watch

CORAL GABLES, Florida (AP) The U.S. Treasury Department is cracking down on 10 companies controlled by the Cuban government or Cuban nationals for allegedly providing Americans with illegal travel packages to the communist island, officials said Friday.

Treasury Secretary John Snow said nine of the overseas companies specialize in travel to Cuba and one company deals with forwarding gifts to the island. The companies, which were not immediately identified, are located in Cuba, Argentina, the Bahamas, Canada, Chile, the Netherlands and Britain.

Snow said in a statement that the companies "provide easy access to Cuba to those U.S. individuals who choose to break the law." Americans, with few exceptions, are prohibited from traveling to Cuba.

The action is part of President George W. Bush's initiative announced in October to strengthen the enforcement of the travel ban.

The United States and Cuba have been without diplomatic ties since Cuban President Fidel Castro took power more than four decades ago. A U.S. economic embargo against Cuba bans most Americans from traveling to the Caribbean island.

Officials said the companies use the Internet to advertise and sell Cuban tourism to the U.S. public. Law enforcement officials have intercepted a number of unauthorized travelers whose tour packages were bought through one of these companies, Treasury officials said.

Bush optimistic about economy

WASHINGTON (AP) Declaring that "America's economy is strong and getting stronger," President Bush told Congress Monday in his annual economic report that last year's tax cut was doing the job in reviving economic growth.

This year's 412-page "Economic Report of the President," is considerably more upbeat than Bush's report a year ago, issued at time when the country was still mired in a lackluster recovery with the unemployment rate continuing to rise.

In the new report, written as a strong defense of Bush's economic stewardship, the president says that the country has been able to overcome a series of shocks starting with the bursting of the stock market bubble in early 2000 followed by the first recession in a decade, the terrorist attacks, two wars and corporate accounting scandals.

"Americans have responded to each challenge and now we have the results: renewed confidence, strong growth, new jobs and a mounting prosperity that will reach every corner of America," Bush wrote in the message transmitting the report to Congress.

Cell phone leads to arrest

WEST MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) A cell phone found in a parking lot led police to a man whom they later arrested as a suspect in a rape and kidnapping.

A resident found the phone lying next to a car and began dialing numbers to see if he could locate the owner. He eventually learned that the phone had belonged to a woman who said she was abducted from a Wal-Mart parking lot and raped.

West Melbourne police traced the license plate number of the car to another resident of the complex.

Eliezer Ayala, 22, was placed under surveillance and arrested Sunday, said West Melbourne police Lt. Steve Wilkinson.

"It was an extreme coincidence," Wilkinson said. "We were really fortunate to get him so quickly."

Ayala was being held at the Brevard County Detention Center late Sunday. It could not immediately be determined whether he had an attorney.

INTERNATIONAL

Letter from bin Laden serves as window to terrorism in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A letter seized from an al-Qaida courier shows Osama bin Laden has made little headway in recruiting Iraqis for a holy war against America, raising questions about the Bush administration's contention that Iraq is the central front in the war against terror.

The 17-page letter, cited as a key piece of intelligence that offered a rare window into foreign terrorist operations in Iraq, appealed to al-Qaida leaders to help spark a civil war between Iraq's two main Muslim sects in an effort to "tear the country apart," U.S. officials said Monday.

One senior U.S. officer warned the plea could mean more "spectacular" attacks because the rebels were despairing that their devastating car bombs and the steady killing of U.S. troops were failing to shove the Americans from Iraq or spark massive discord.

The letter was believed written by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian suspected of al-Qaida links. Al-Zarqwi is the chief suspect in several recent deadly bombings, and his presence in Iraq was cited by the Bush administration as evidence of Iraq's terrorist connections even before the war.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters Monday aboard Air Force One that the letter, first reported Monday by The New York Times, shows that "Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism."

"There are foreign terrorists who realize the stakes are high and they seek to do everything they can to undermine the aspirations of the Iraqi people," McClellan said. "But democracy and freedom are taking root in Iraq and there's no turning back."

However, the letter, as quoted by The New York Times, acknowledges problems in recruiting Iraqis to join the fight against an American force that is "growing stronger day after day."

"Many Iraqis would honor you as a guest and give you refuge, for you are a Muslim brother," The New York Times reported. "However, they will not allow you to make their home a base for operations or a safe house."

That suggests that Iraqis may be willing to support their homegrown insurgency but have little interest in backing foreign infiltrators. The fact that the letter appeals for outside help raises questions whether al-Qaida had a support network here before Saddam Hussein's downfall.

There is little to bind Iraqi rebels to foreign terrorists other than a common wish "to bloody the United States," said David L. Phillips, a former State Department Iraq expert now with the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

"There are far more Iraqis who are resisting American occupation than there are al-Qaida operatives inside Iraq," Phillips said. "Most violence against the U.S. in Iraq is being committed by so-called dead-enders and Iraqis who resent the U.S. occupation."

The al-Qaida presence has consistently been exaggerated, Phillips said.

The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Jane Harman of California, said the reason al-Qaida is in Iraq is because of the American presence there.

"It's a good organizing tool," she said in an interview. "One of their big targets is America. There's a large American presence in Iraq."

Top U.S. commanders have previously said that al-Qaida is an unwelcome presence in the Iraqi resistance. For the most part, commanders have said, the conflict is a homegrown guerrilla war waged primarily by Saddam supporters and Iraqis angry over foreign military occupation.

Nevertheless, the Bush administration and coalition spokesmen here portrayed the letter as proof that Iraq was on the front lines of global terrorism.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the letter shows terrorists haven't given up in Iraq.

"They're trying to get more terrorists into Iraq and they're trying to create more terrorist organizations to try to defeat our purposes," Powell told reporters. "But they will not succeed."

Al-Zarqawi, the letter's purported author, is the top suspect in the 2002 assassination of U.S. diplomat Laurence Foley in Amman, Jordan.

The letter writer's claims that he directed 25 suicide bombings in Iraq are being taken seriously, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy chief of operations, told reporters.

"We feel he is the most capable terrorist in Iraq today," a U.S. official said of al-Zarqawi.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the 17-page document as "business plan" for terror, with a plea for financing and for workers imbued with the jihad spirit who could carry out attacks on Shiite Muslim holy sites and leaders.

The U.S. military landed a copy of the letter after the capture of Hassan Ghul, a senior al-Qaida courier arrested last month by Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. The letter was on a CD-ROM Ghul carried.

"We downloaded the document and printed it," a U.S. official told reporters in Baghdad. He briefly displayed a copy of the Arabic-language letter taped to a board, but did not give reporters time to read it or take notes.

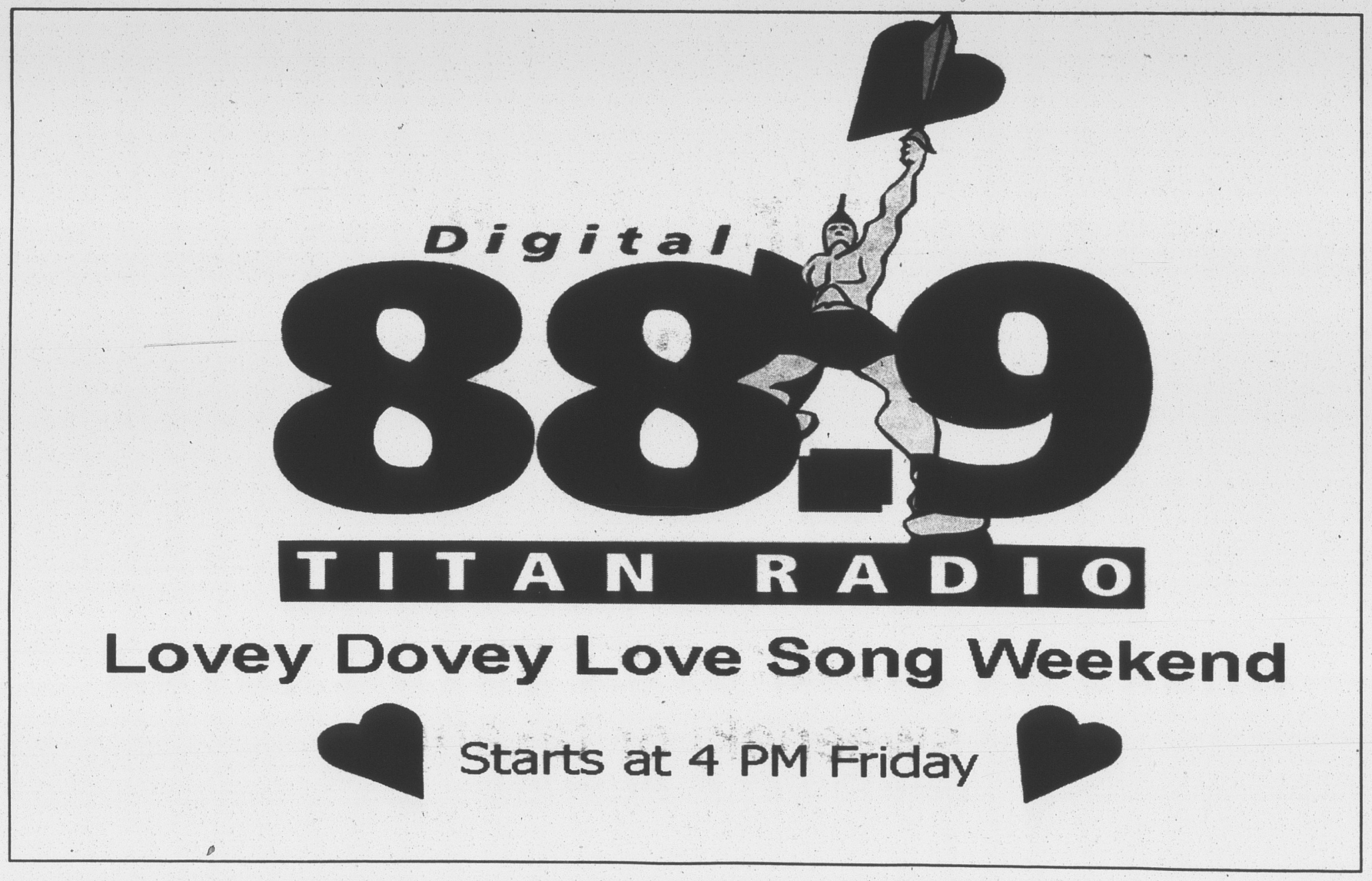
The U.S. official said the document's language was flowery and rhetorical and was unsure whether claims made in it were factual or rhetorical.

The New York Times said its reporter viewed the Arabic document and a military translation on Sunday. The newspaper's report quoted unidentified U.S. officials as saying a courier was taking the document to Afghanistan to get it to al-Qaida's senior leaders.

Al-Zarqawi, believed to be still in Iraq, is not a direct member of al-Qaida, but was believed to have set up an al-Qaida "franchise" in Iraq, the U.S. official said.

Separately, a Jan. 23 raid on a house belonging to a suspected al-Zarqawi associate turned up three kilograms (seven pounds) of cyanide, U.S. officials said. The toxic cyanide salt was to have been used in an attack on U.S. or allied interests, officials said they believe.

Al-Zarqawi is suspected of arranging the Feb 1 bombings in Irbil that killed 109 civilians, mainly Kurds, Kimmitt said. The Jordanian is also suspected in the Jan 18 bombing near main gate to U.S.-led coalition's headquarters in Baghdad that killed 31 Iraqi civilians; the Aug. 19 blast at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22; and the Aug. 29 car bomb that killed Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim and at least 84 others in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, the general said.



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SPORTS

Titans rally late to take win over Thiel Tomcats

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Saturday afternoon, the Westminster men's basketball utilized a last second three pointer by sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco to defeat the Thiel Tomcats by the score of 94-93.

With the win, the Titans raised their President's Athletic Conference tally to an undefeated, 6-0. They sport an 11-10 overall record.

After stumbling to a 2-8 start, the Titans have reeled off nine wins in their last 11 games to move ahead of .500.

Against Thiel, with less than thirty seconds to play, the Tomcats led, 92-91. However, Thiel squandered several opportunities to seal the game, missing three of four free throws in the game's closing seconds.

Trailing late, the Titans maintained their composure.

"It is a lot easier [to play in tight games] because we all trust in each other to make big plays," junior guard Chris Hatch said. "It seems like in this stretch of wins somebody has always come up with a big shot late in the game; I guess this time it was Marky's turn."

As Thiel's Daryl Moore sent two free throws amiss with six seconds to play, the Titans rebounded and moved to the offensive.

With 0.6 seconds on the clock, DeMonaco lofted a thirty -footer that landed, keeping the Titans undefeated in conference play.

"I was pretty confident in that shot," DeMonaco said. "I knew leaving my hand it had a chance, but I wasn't sure if it was going in. Luckily it did."

Junior forward Pat O'Connor paced the Titans with 20 markers. DeMonaco added 18 and Hatch added 11.

All five Titan starters reached double figures as junior guard Ed Pagley and sophomore forward Dom Joseph each contributed 10 points.

The Titans are gaining confidence and continuing to succeed by employing a balanced game plan that consists of stifling defense and run-and-gun offense.

"Any time you win the we have been, especially considering the start we had, the confidence level continues to rise [with each game]," O'Connor said. "The trick is keeping the pace of the defensive game up so that we will keep our offensive confidence high."

The Titans will try to remain undefeated in the PAC as they travel to Grove City on Wednesday, February 11th for an 8 p.m. tip-off.

At press time, results of the Grove City game were unknown.

The Titans will battle PAC opponent Waynesburg on Saturday, February 14th in a Valentine's Day affair. The game is slotted for a 3 p.m. tip-off at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

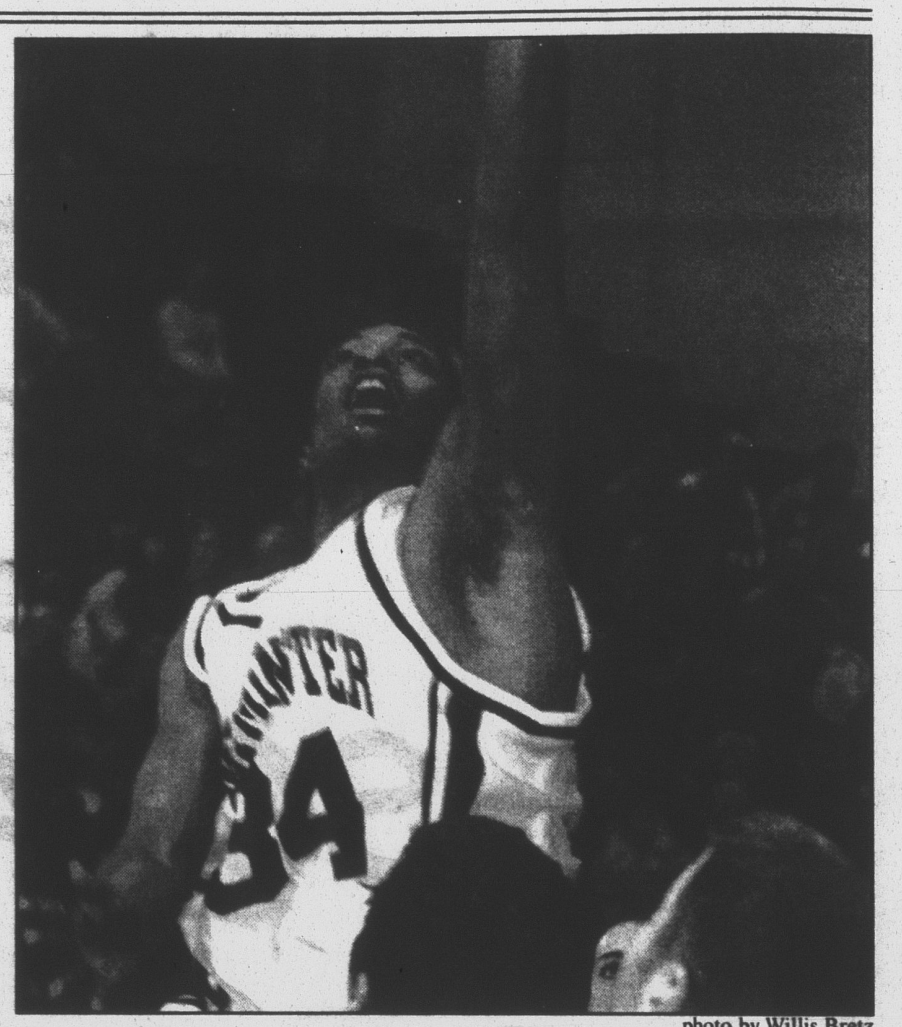

photo by Willis Bretz

The Titans came from behind to post a 94-93 win over the Thiel Tomcats last Saturday.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
Board of Trustees Meetings
Ski Club Trip to Holiday Valley
Buses Leave from the Field House at 1:15 pm
M&W Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City College)
1:00 pm W Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
3:00 pm M Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
7:00 pm Mass
8:00 pm Movie in McKelvey: You've Got Mail — MCC 219
10:30 pm Movie in McKelvey: Sleepless in Seattle — MCC 219
10:45 pm Buses Leave for Night Owl Bowling in Sharon, PA
(Depart from Campus Center Entrance, Shaw Side)

Sunday February 15
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Chapel Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Movie in McKelvey: You've Got Mail – MCC 219

Monday, February 16
PRESIDENT'S DAY
11:40 am Chapel
4:00 pm Allies Meeting — PH 311
5:00 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Initiation – Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, February 17
12:45 pm Designed Single Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Maple
4:30 pm Fireside Chat with President Williamson and Dean Edman — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm International Film Festival – MCC 219
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
8:30 pm Student Pre-Law Meeting – PH 231
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Wednesday, February 18 1
1:40 am Faculty Forum: Helen Boylan and Erin Smith, "Endnote Software" – MCC 219
6:00 pm W Basketball vs. W&J (H)
6:00 pm Heinz Lecture Series: Latif Bolat Ensemble — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
8:00 pm M Basketball vs. W&J (H)
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club Room

Thursday, February 19
1:00 pm Career Center Interview Workshop — MCC 219
4:30 pm Children's Literature Book Group — TC 315
Book of the Month: Crispin and the Cross of Lead by Avi
5:00 pm Seekers Fellowship Exec. Committee Meeting — MCC 352
6:00 pm Heinz Lecture Series: Latif Bolat Ensemble (Turkish Sufi Mystic Music, Poetry and Images) — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
6:00 pm Black History Dinner — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
6:30 pm SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium – MCC 219
7:00 pm Biology Seminar – Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 pm Black History Month Show – Orr Auditorium
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Fitzgerald leaves Panthers to enter NFL draft

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald announced Monday afternoon that he will forgo his junior and senior year of college eligibility to enter this year's NFL Draft.

This decision did not come as a shock to many people. Fitzgerald had expressed interest in entering this year's draft as soon as Pittsburgh's season ended. The Pitt star petitioned the NFL to allow him to enter, despite the fact that he had only played two seasons of major college football. The NCAA football rules state that you can only declare yourself eligible for the draft after you are three years removed from graduating high school. Fitzgerald had transferred to Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania halfway through his senior year of high school. The judge determined last Thursday though, that Fitzgerald did gain enough credits during his year and a half at Valley Forge to become eligible.

And that led to this Monday's decision. The Heisman runner-up said during his press conference "I'm very confident in my ability. I know there's going to be skeptics and there's going to be people out there criticizing this and criticizing that, but all-in-all, I know I can play the game of football."

Indeed he can. Fitzgerald set numerous school and NCAA records in just two seasons at Pittsburgh. He currently holds the record for most consecutive games with a touchdown reception with eighteen. Fitzgerald also set a new NCAA record this year for most receiving yards by a sophomore with 1,672; eclipsing Randy Moss' old record.

Fitzgerald proved this college football season that he belongs in the NFL. Some analysts, including ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr., have Fitzgerald going as high as #2 in this year's NFL Draft, behind Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning. It seems very unlikely that Fitzgerald will slip out of the top five, and he will almost certainly be the first wide receiver taken off the board. Numerous teams, including the Oakland Raiders, have already expressed interest in Fitzgerald.

While Fitzgerald's decision does leave much of the Pittsburgh Panther faithful in mourning, head coach Walt Harris thought of this as a beautiful day. "We have been blessed to be around such a special person and outstanding athlete in Larry Fitzgerald," he said. "Not only was he an unbelievable receiver, but he also set a great example of how players should respect the game."

Coach Harris was right on the money. One can only hope that this upcoming generation of football players will have as much respect for the game as Fitzgerald did.

Pittsburgh's not only losing the best player in college football, they might be losing the best person too.

WC Sports briefs

Women's Basketball

Freshman guard Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.) led four double-digit scorers with a career-high 21 points tonight, as the Westminster College women's basketball team posted its third consecutive win with a 74-64 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) win at Grove City College. The Lady Titans improved to 13-8 overall and 5-2 in PAC play with the win, which guaranteed a winning season for Westminster. The Lady Wolverines dropped to 11-9, 3-4 PAC.

After a slow start, the two teams played evenly for much of the first half before Westminster closed the period with a 13-3 run over the final 6:23, turning a 17-16 GCC lead into a 29-20 Westminster halftime advantage. The run was capped by junior guard Alyson Gasper (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) banking in a 50-foot three-pointer from just across midcourt as the halftime horn sounded. The Lady Titans quickly took control of the game in the second period, opening the half with a 14-3 run to take a 20-point advantage (43-23 with 15:53 to play). Westminster led by 21 late (59-38 with 7:10 left) when the Lady Wolverines made a furious comeback, going on a23-9 run to cut the lead to seven points (68-61) with 44 seconds left. GCC would get no closer, however, as Gasper drained all six of her free throw attempts in the final 42 seconds to clinch the PAC win.

Sterling shot 9-of-14 from the field for Westminster, while adding a team- and career-high three blocked shots. Junior forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.) added her 12th double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Gasper finished with her second double-double of the capaign, posting 11 points and 10 boards while adding a game-high six steals. Freshman guard Rachel Eaton (Rimersburg/Union H.S.) rounded out the double-figure scorers for the Lady Titans with 10 markers. (All photos attached) Grove City was paced by Abby Moose with team-high totals of 18 points and five assists.

The Lady Titan cagers return home to Buzz Ridl Gymnasium this Saturday, Feb. 14, as Westminster hosts PAC rival Waynesburg College at 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Matt Phillips scored a career-high 31 points tonight, leading the Grove City College men's basketball to a 100-95 victory over Westminster College in Grove City tonight. It was the first PAC loss of the season for Westminster, which dropped to 11-11 overall and 6-1 in the PAC. Westminster is now tied for first in the PAC with Bethany, a 74-65 winner over Waynesburg tonight. The Wolverines improved to 10-12, 4-3 PAC with the win.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Yeah, fear hope! But do ends really begins?

Texas rules!

I don't like excessive amounts of salt used in clearing snowy walkways and roads.

If all else fails, duck and cover!

Can we have some heat on third floor McKelvey? I'm losing toes here!

!!!!!

Maybe we wouldn't shoplift if you didn't rip us off.

It's cold and I'm sick. Winter needs to die.

I love the new pretzles in the TUB. Mmmm...creamy creamy cheese.

I heart Mugsies

Submit to Scrawl!

Why can't college students act mature, especially at big events like the Mock Convention?

Hug someone today

To Everyone: Happy Valentines Day. From: Me

No day but today.

Two days till chocolate goes on sale...mmm...post-holiday bliss.

Foamy!

I miss my bacon bagels.

Can we clean Galbreath? Please?

Freshmen should not have been required to attend Mock Convetion. Some people were there that should not have been.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: All at Once

Professors meet in a room filled with throngs of students, some on the verge of sleep, some interested and taking notes, others watching the clock to see when they can leave. Lectures, speakers, questions, fights, liberals, conservatives, parties, and probably too much beer...is there anything that epitomizes college better than the Mock Convention? Last Thursday and Friday saw the culmination of everything we complain about and everything we praise. Political goings on aside, the Mock Convention had everything a college experience had, right down to the funny costumes.

Let's get the obvious out of the way first. The drunks. Everyone knows how much drinking went on that weekend, and everyone knows that there are people out there who do not know a better way to celebrate than getting sloshing drunk. They were there, and everyone had to put up with them. But is that different than any given weekend? Drinking for ill or for not has become a part of college, whether we agree with it or not. Unfortunately their presence at the convention only further cemented the stigma of drunken revelry most students carry.

How many times have you sat in class while the professor tried to encourage discussion? At first the term 'pulling teeth' comes to mind, but sometimes something sparks a debate that eats the class time and follows you through the day. The same thing happened at the convention. Students were slow to get into the atmosphere, but once everyone fell into the mood, ideas were tossed back and forth across the gym.

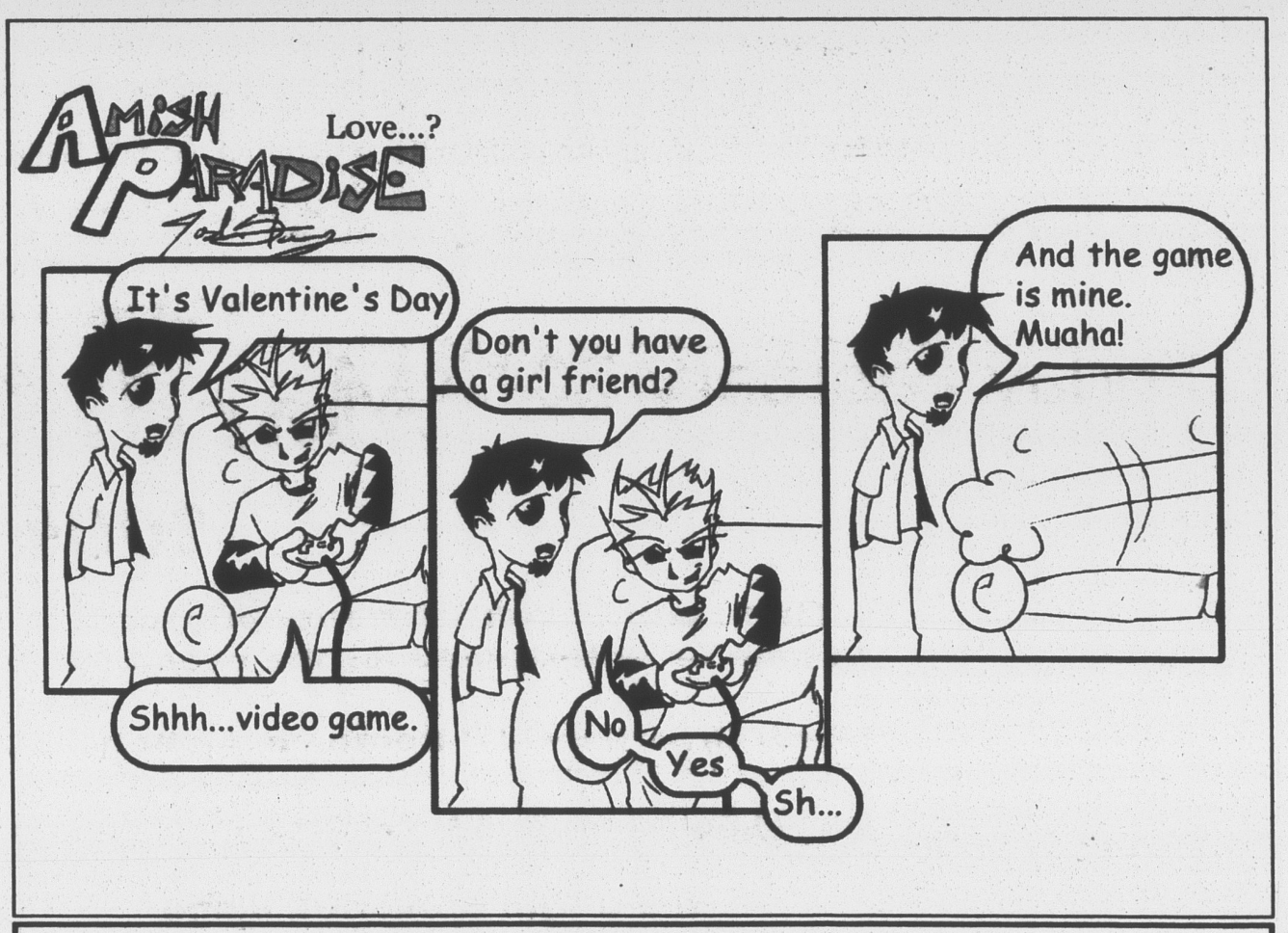
Think about this. No matter your political position, it was probably present at the convention. Liberals, conservatives and apathetics were all represented.

Like most of the organizations on campus, like good discussion based classes, the entire affair was student run. That is right. Everything was put together by your peers. Their blood and tears went into carving out a section of their time here, and isn't that what many students want? To leave their mark on the campus? It's the reason why alumni donate money to get their names on plaques. It is a way of saying, "I was here, and I mattered."

And the Mock Convention did matter. It is the second oldest Mock Convention in the country, and it was big enough news to draw in reporters from all over the area.

Think about this. No matter your political position, it was probably present at the convention. Liberals, conservatives and apathetics were all represented. Opposing views were expressed and debated.

And in the end, those who paid attention learned something. Those who did not, well their tuition helped pay for the budget so it's their loss for not getting their money's worth.



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I really enjoyed the mock convention last week; however, there was one negative incident that remains in my mind. During the first evening of mock convention, a few individuals decided it necessary to call people in other delegations names, such as "queers," "homos" and other slang terms regarding sexuality. These delegates continued to use this language throughout the night, disregarding what consequences their actions may have. I, along with many other delegates sitting in the general vicinity, became increasingly hurt, angry, and frustrated. Suddenly it became extremely hard to concentrate on anything else, and personally, I felt like I was back in high school once again. I felt threatened and as if I was being mocked, and I did not come to Westminster to be treated in this way. Westminster is supposed to create well-rounded individuals, and I would assume that tolerance and compassion would be considered important qualities. However, these students were not displaying anything close to these qualities, as they completely ignored the fact that many sexual minorities were seated nearby. I would like to think their actions would have been different had they known, but I doubt it. Unfortunately, this type of language is still very common on this campus, and I think people do not realize what they are saying. By calling something "gay," "queer," or any other word regarding homosexuals, you may be hurting someone around you. You may not realize they are there, or that they are gay, because many people are not open about their sexuality exactly due to the language you are using and the hostility surrounding it. Regardless of what you believe, these words are hurtful. The only way to not hurt anyone is to simply stop using this language. It's not that difficult, just do it.

Sincerely,
Tom Oyer

Dear Editors,

As a fraternity member who was both insulted and saddened by Carolyn Miller's regrettably misinformed article on fraternity party policies, I'd like to answer several of "Sally's" questions.

The first question posed is why independent men are not allowed into fraternity houses after recruitment ends, and there are several answers. The houses are private property, owned by the national fraternities and lived in by their chapter members. Therefore, the same basic laws and social rules apply to fraternity houses as to your own home: those who live in it can and should determine who may enter as a guest. It is a privilege for girls and invited independents to come into our homes, not a right granted simply by being a student at Westminster. Sadly, a few - not all - independent males truly are "evil" and take advantage of this privilege. Independent males (a category which also includes males who do not attend Westminster) who use our houses as their own private nightclubs cause the majority of fights and other incidents, and not the brothers of that - or any other - house. This year's Jungle Party is a perfect example of this, and security reports can and will show this fact to be true. Finally, like all organizations with membership dues, new members are needed to keep the organization running. If all independents received the same benefits of paying brothers, the system would collapse, and then nobody could enjoy the fraternity houses because they would not exist.

Second, whatever happened to the "group of friends" Sally originally meant to go out with? The idea that a girl needs a big, strong man to protect her at parties is offensive to both men and women. Why aren't Sally's female friends perfectly capable of looking out for her? And if a bodyguard really were needed, why would Sally even want to party there at all? I understand that the warning posters mean well, and sometimes incidents do occur, but to confuse a Westminster fraternity house with Chicago's south side is as much of an overstatement as it is an offense to male Greeks.

Lastly, I strongly encourage the independent student body to educate itself about fraternities, our traditions, ideals, and philanthropies instead of blindly attacking our organizations and policies out of ignorance. We do not expect the whole of Westminster to like how we do things. However, we do request the understanding that our policies exist for a reason: to allow fraternity members and their invited guests to enjoy to the utmost what Greek life has to offer.

Respectfully,
Matt Boccardi

Correction:

Feb. 6, 2004 "Locks of Love": The date for the follow up hair drive is February 29 from 10 am to 5 pm.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Lost in Translation & In America

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Chris: In the theaters it was praised, as the box art would claim, by over 80 critics as a four star movie. On video, the praise hasn't been nearly overwhelming (this conclusion being based on the reaction of those that rent the movie at my video store) and has included suggestions like removing all copies from the shelves and throwing them in the trash. But every year we see an "artsy" Best Picture nominee and each year it's a mixed bag or reaction between critics and the general public. This year that prize goes to Sofia Coppola's Lost in Translation.

The plot revolves around a washed up actor Bob Harris, played by Bill Murray, who is on a trip to Japan to promote a wine. The lonely Harris finds comfort only in the equally lonely Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), a wife left alone in Japan while her husband takes pictures of models. The story is simple: they find themselves in one another and share a love for each other as a result. However, the audience is left to decide exactly what kind of love it is.

There are two ways to look at this film and understand why it's a best picture nominee. First is the less detailed way that most of the judges see the film. Recall last week why Big Fish didn't get one. It lacked any one particular GREAT portion; it was just good as a whole. Lost in Translation, however, has amazing acting that stands out, usually enough for a nomination alone. The story is different enough to stand out and that's about all you need, especially in a year when people were afraid to compete with Jackson and his King.

The other way is more critical and detailed. Here I will make Betsy and Prestein proud. Many judges take a look at the reason behind everything, and that is where this movie shines. It defines the theme and mood not by the acting alone, but by the music and sound (or lack thereof); the way the shots are set up and how the camera moves. We see Bob's loneliness, not by Murray's acting but because he is the only person in an Olympic size pool. We can ask questions like "why is Charlotte's butt so important in the title sequence?"

> In America (Tom): *You won't regret seeing this one, trust me.*
>
> Lost in Translation (Chris): *Lost in Translation is a B movie, worth watching and excellently performed but not enough happens for me to care.*

So are Bob and Charlotte lost in translation of Japan or their inner desires to the outside world? I've heard a lot of people be lost in the translation of the meaning of this movie. I suppose that's what you get for having a formalist film set on a realist's background. Either way you'll have to see this one for yourself. For me, Lost in Translation is a B movie, worth watching and excellently performed but not enough happens for me to care.

Tom: Another film on the Oscar radar this year is the family drama In America. It is the story of an Irish family moving to New York City in the 1980's and their process of adjusting to this new life. Johnny and Sarah are the proud parents of Christy and Ariel, two of the most adorable girls you'll ever see. They had a third child named Franky, who recently died as a result from an accident. The trauma of this tragedy is still fresh and has affected each of the characters differently. Johnny is trying to get an acting job but he cannot seem to overcome his inability to feel any emotion for his characters. The family makes a friend in Mateo (Djimon Hounsou) an African-American artist who lives downstairs. He is also a tormented soul, as he is slowly dying of AIDS. Together, these characters help each other as further burdens continue to rise. I hesitate to reveal any more details because I feel strongly that it is better to not know anything about a movie than know too much.

In America is an extremely personal and moving film by Jim Sheridan. He wrote the screenplay along with his two daughters and it is said to be semi-autobiographical. His direction is so intimately in tune to these five characters that there is a strong bond with the audience. The film is deeply moving, as most people in the theatre were crying as the film reached its end. I will do none other than praise this picture and everyone involved. Paddy Considine and Samantha Morton as the parents have incredible chemistry and deliver rich performances, along with Hounsou who brings an incredible power and dignity to the role. Hounsou and Morton are nominated for Oscars, along with Sheridan's screenplay and these are very deserving nominations. Personally, I feel this film deserved a nomination for best picture among others, but I'm letting that go. The real stars of this picture, however, are Sarah and Emma Bolger as the two daughters. Not only are they adorable, but they bring two of the best child performances I have ever seen. If you see the movie, then you will understand. This wonderful film receives an A and a complete recommendation from me. You won't regret seeing this one, trust me.

Roses are red, violets are blue, here are some movies for you

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Valentine's Day is what you make of it, plain and simple. If you have your heart set on being mopey because you're single, then you'll not doubt be miserable. If you're lucky enough to have a significant other, then you have the opportunity to have a great night with the one you kinda-sorta-maybe-definitely love. I personally prefer to use this sorry excuse for a holiday as a day to appreciate my friends and enjoy the flowers I'll no doubt get from my father. And really, I'll be in a van driving to Cincinnati for a conference come Saturday, but that's beside the point... What is my point? Oh yes. A lot of folks decide to watch movies on this Hallmark holiday. Thus, I'd like to offer up some films for both the romantics and the wallowers.

Let's start with the feel-good movies, like "When Harry Met Sally." This movie is, and excuse me for getting corny for a second, a movie of romantic hope. I think this is true because of the every(wo)man sensibilities of Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. They're certainly both decent looking people, but neither has that stop dead in your tracks sexuality that many romantic comedy folks tend to have, thus making it easier for us to like them. Plus, I believe a lot of people have that notation of marrying their best friend. And after the movie, you can "partake of some pecan pie."

Number two on this list is "Casablanca." Where Billy and Meg have the people next door look, Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman are the epitome of Hollywood class, sophistication and good looks. James Bond can't even hold a candle to old Bogey. And you know when Rick says "Here's looking at you, kid," to Ilsa, you know it really means "I love you." There are also some secondary pairings, like the older and very adorable Leuchtag's, and Annina and Jan, the young and idealistic couple, that act as glimpses at what Rick and Ilsa once were, or should have been.

To round out the evening, we return to Rob Reiner (directed "When Harry Met Sally") with "The Princess Bride." This movie proves that Reiner is a genius. It's a simple enough story, but the cameos (Billy Crystal and Carol Kane as Miracle Max and Valerie), hints of satire (the backstory of the Dread Pirate Roberts), and the interaction between Cary Elwes and Robin Wright that make this a classic. And remember, "this is true love – it doesn't happen everyday."

And now, for something completely different. Like "Heathers." It stars Winona Ryder as a girl that is half-heartedly a part of the "in crowd." She then teams up with a rebel (Christian Slater) with a cause, who has a more devious way to play social politics. And by play, I mean kill everyone off. For example, "it's one thing to want someone out of your life, but it's another thing to serve them a wake-up cup full of Liquid Drano." If you're feeling angtsy, oh is "Heathers" the movie for you.

Next on the list is the appropriately named "Valentine." Nothing beats a cheesy slasher flick to set the mood. In this one, four friends receive Valentine's Day cards from a disgruntled person in their past. Who plans to get theirs come V-Day. The cards say super romantic things like, "Roses are red, Violets are Blue, They'll need dental records to identify you." Now that's love.

Last, but certainly not least is "The Seventh Seal" (just for you, Dr. Mitchell). This 1957 classic will not in any way, shape or form give you a case of the warm fuzzies. Instead, you'll be somewhat perplexed and have the fear of God re-instilled in you. The big lesson in this movie is never play chess with the Grim Reaper. And I mean never. You won't win. Yes, it's in subtitles, so you'll feel cultured, and there's some really amusing moments, but it is lines like "Love is the blackest of all plagues... if one could die of it, there would be some pleasure in love, but you don't die of it," that make this a very anti-Valentine's movie.

I don't necessarily recommend mixing and matching from these lists. But if you're going to, I'd match "Casablanca" and "The Seventh Seal." Both are examples of what a really good movie should be. However you choose to spend your day, make the best of it. Buy yourself something shiny.

WC's diamonds in the rough: International films

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

The International Film Festival is one of Westminster's many hidden gems. Every other Tuesday at 7 PM in the McKelvey Theater students get the chance to be exposed to international films they probably have never seen. Free popcorn and beverages are also provided in the Berlin student lounge.

Prior to the films a little bit of background is given in a brief introduction by a professor. Last week's film was introduced by English professor Dr. Andrew Ade, who was introduced by Public Relations professor Dr. Deborah Mitchell. On a side note Mitchell recently had a minor in film studies approved for next year's curriculum.

"Jean Cocteau's 1946 film La Belle et le Bete (Beauty and the Beast) has often been described as the film that saved the French film industry after the Second World War. Made on a small budget but with lots of ingenuity and imagination, the movie triumphed around the world and won numerous awards," Ade said.

This was only the second film visionary filmmaker and poet Cocteau directed, and he did it at the ripe age of 58. Cocteau expands upon the cinematic inventiveness

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Crossword 101

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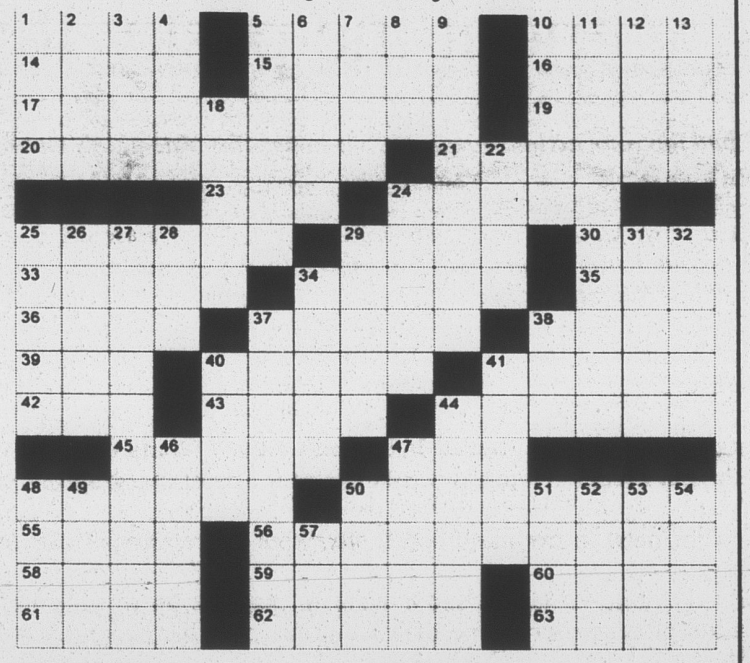
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Thus the metric system did not really catch on in the States, unless you count the increasing popularity of the nine-millimeter bullet.

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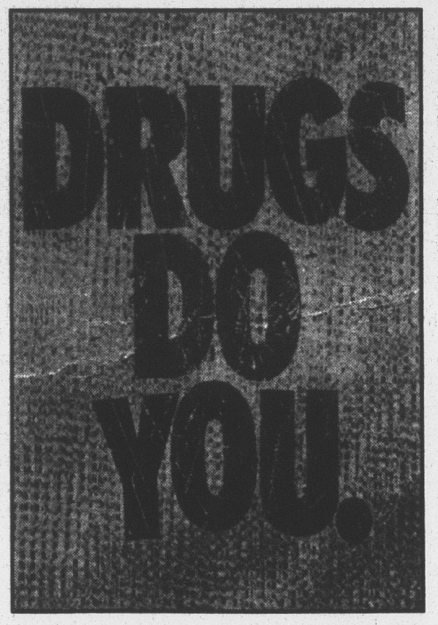

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Don't believe everything you hear; make sure to check sources and facts. Work at staying debt free. There may be a confining relationship that has been on your mind for some time. Give yourself some breathing space to think about which approach you want to take.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
This week may bring a difficult problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups for such trivial problems. Later, you may feel a bit unsure of your next step, give it time and it may take care of itself.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Love is in the air this week. It's quite possible that you may find yourself in the midst of a new and exciting relationship, or finally seeing a romantic possibility that has been right under your nose. If you already have a committed sweetheart, the sparks are going to fly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Moderation in your lifestyle is the key to making it this week. Spending time with children will keep your feet on the ground and possibly see things in a different way. You're craving for something new and exciting may have a negative effect on what you hold dear.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Old memories may be stirred up this week, and you may have a hard time putting your finger on just why this is so. Try to explore your feelings to the best of your abilities, and make an effort to look for the silver lining in that cloud over your head.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Your energies are magnified during the week, but be careful just how you use the power. Don't use this energy for destructive ends, or else you may find these negative vibes coming back to haunt you, twofold. The weather, oddly enough, may have a rejuvenating effect on you.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Take into consideration those things which you value most and put your energy behind it. Use your financial resources responsibly. Attending to details about money will save you from wasting time and money later on. An opportunity for wealth has strings attached.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
This week you may be inclined to take a deep look at your philosophical approach to life. It may be time to shift your long held views in order to come up to date with your maturity level. Accept any praise coming your way about a job well done, but don't let it go to your head.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
There may be anxieties just beneath the surface that wreak havoc on your physical and mental health. Look to positive long-range plans in order to subdue your anxiety. Take changes in stride and you will see that something new may just suit you better.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Compassion and flexibility is essential during the week. It may be hard for you to watch someone you care for wallowing in self-pity, but there isn't much you can do about it. The way you approach solutions to a problem may not be the way others do. Set your sights on the future.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
A more assertive approach in the workplace will win points with someone higher up who is watching you. Maintain your cool and co-workers will be impressed also. If the information coming to you seems confusing, take time to analysis everything before deciding anything.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Don't undertake a project this week that you are not equipped to do properly. It is very important to recognize your limitations. Don't take yourself so seriously, or else things will cease to be enjoyable. Everything is not a contest, no matter what others lead you to believe.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Changes on the work scene could bring you a promotion, but the money may not meet your expectations. Either hang in there and hope for improvement, or start looking for a better paying position. Use your intuition to resolve differences with a mate.

FEATURE

All the rewards, without the pesky thinking

Have you been a bit off lately, and feel bad for your actions towards your honey this Valentine's Day? Want to make it up to them but don't quite have the right words?

Then feel free to copy this form letter, either by hand or into your word processor - or even say it over the phone! Just choose one of the three choices given in the parentheses to personalize it especially for your dearest, then make sure to deliver the words so you can reap the rewards of this Valentine's Day.

To my (one and only/love of my life/darling),

While I know I'm (writing/sending/saying) this to you on Valentine's Day, I would easily say it any day of the (week/month/year). Whenever I'm not with you, I feel (sick/queasy/lost). It's as if I can't (walk/speak/breathe) without you here by my side.

When we're apart, I see your (eyes/lips/hair) in my mind constantly. Your voice (sings/floats/dances) through my memory and I long to (see/hold/kiss) you again.

I know I've been a bit of a (recluse/jerk/dork) lately, and I want to make it up to you. Let me take you out (tonight/tomorrow/sometime) to your favorite place, (insert name of restaurant/arcade/bar here). I just want to be able to spend more time with you, (baby/dearest/lover).

You are the only one for me, and I will always (love/care for/be with) you.

(With/All My/Your) Love,

(insert your name/sappy pet name here)

Does Valentine's Day equal true love?

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Cynical Female

Orchestral music plays. Birds sing sweet songs in the background. Little naked babies with wings shoot arrows at unsuspecting people. Let's not forget the red, pink, and white hearts flying over everybody's heads. Can't forget those hearts.

It's Valentine's Day. Cue the sappy love songs, the declarations of undying love, and the expensive dinners. In elementary school, we went out with our parents and picked out a box of Valentines featuring our favorite cartoon character. We made little bag 'mailboxes' and went around delivering cards to everyone. Even now we get those same boxed Valentines and mail them out of the spirit of the holiday.

Valentine's Day, traditionally, is a day to celebrate love. This is why couples are usually tied up with their own plans on that day, and friends who are without significant others bond together in honor of their love for each other. But with all this hubbub about hearts and flowers and chocolates, there's still one big question that needs answered: what is love?

That is probably one of the most argued questions on Earth. What is love? It's not hearts and flowers and chocolates, and it's not naked babies with wings shooting arrows. We know it's not cheap paper cards with sloppy signatures, and it's not conversation hearts (but oh, how I love those conversation hearts!).

Many people, when trying to picture love, think of a fierce attraction between a boy and a girl. They think of a car parked out on cliff on a starry night, the moon hanging high in the sky as soft music plays and the two lovebirds enjoy their night out.

But what exactly makes this scene represent our interpretation of love so much? Even the term 'lovebirds' is misleading - it's true that real lovebirds will bond in pairs so much as to ignore everything else, but they're also known for being screechingly loud and biting. Still, the common stereotype remains firm and it shall for a long time - two lovebirds in love.

The traditional concept of love is that between two people, having met at some point, and finding themselves deeply emotionally involved with each other. This is the type of love that Valentine's Day specifically caters to with themed stuffed animals and large boxes of chocolates (and don't forget those conversation hearts).

But it can also be argued that love is the near-required bond between family members. The bond of a family is supposed to be the strongest love there is, yet, this is obviously not a romantic sort of love. So then, we must assume that there is more than one type of love.

In addition to familial and romantic, then there's also the love of friendship. A trusting faith formed between two people. Two friends are more than capable of loving each other without having any sort of romantic relationship. Therefore, there are at least three types of love.

But those are only the types of love that pertain to human beings. What about objects? Or concepts? That's also a form of love - an almost unrequited love that focuses completely on an inanimate and unfeeling object, such as a car, or a computer. I'm typing this on my computer. I wouldn't want to type this anywhere else but on my computer. I would be heartbroken if this computer were to be damaged in any way. Therefore, I love this computer, even though it is completely incapable of loving me in return.

Of course, there's another sort of love, the love of love, that's the most dangerous of all. When two people are in love, the romantic sort of love, they're focused on each other. But when one person is in love with love itself, they can float from person to person, leaving a trail of broken hearts in their wake. It's a dangerous addiction that is difficult to avoid and even more difficult to cure.

And we're all familiar with the sort of people who 'fall in love' and just won't let go. No matter how bad the relationship is, or how badly both people know things are going, they just won't part with that feeling of love.

Still, I'm sure that there are people this Valentine's Day that are still struggling to gain their honey's full attention in their relationship. I have to admit, boys, that I sympathize with you to a certain degree. Women are hard to figure out. I'm a woman and I know I'm hard to figure out, and I have an even harder time deciphering the actions and statements of other women. I can't really give you much advice, other than this: there's always one.

It never fails, it never changes. Ask any girl what qualities her dream guy has to have, and she'll rattle off a list: good smile, nice eyes, likes music, etc...the list will range from extremely general (e.g., taller) to painstakingly specific (e.g., wears JNCO jeans). And if you ask her, she will most likely admit to knowing somebody almost exactly like that description. And more often than not, that person isn't you.

The result of this observation is the theory that no available guys are ever perfect. This isn't true. The truth is that no matter who they are, or how wonderful they may be, prospective suitors will always have to live in the shadow of 'the perfect guy.'

'The perfect guy' is always around, somewhere, stirring up even more standards for the poor fool trying to capture the girl's heart. The image of perfection can range from the girl's father to her best friend next door to a superstar celebrity. Sometimes it's an ex-boyfriend who remained friends with her after she 'stupidly broke it off.' Whatever the situation may be, the unlucky suitor almost always has to deal with these ridiculously high standards suddenly imposed upon him.

Unfortunately, I can't give you much advice past that. Once a girl's got an image of perfection in her head, it's hard for her to lower those standards. And really, if I could actually give you advice, I'd be betraying myself and my kind. Perhaps it's a form natural selection at work.

If so, it's about time. This planet's getting a little crowded. Keep that in mind this Valentine's Day. Be careful and all that. Peace out.

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: Compassionate Politics

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

Ah, Valentine's Day. The day where you publicly display your love and affection towards your significant other. Restaurants, hotels, and yes, even bars due to the depressed singles, will be packed this entire weekend, all in the name of love and compassion. But Rich and I were thinking, compassion applies to politics too. So we decided to make that our topic of conversation this week and find out who is the more compassionate party, Democrats or Republicans. Hey, maybe I'll even get a few dates after people find out how compassionate my Party is. Ok, back to reality.

The Republican Party seems to possess this reputation or stigma that we don't care about anyone. I mean, look at my title in the article, "no heart": it speaks for itself. However, I would say that it is the conservatives who are truly looking out for everyone's best interests. Let's start with my favorite example, welfare. Yes, some circumstances are unavoidable, and there may be times when a citizen has more financial needs than he can meet. So where does a person turn to in this personal economic slump? The Democrats would like you to run to the government for help with programs like welfare. You know, that way you get to receive checks and embarrassing food stamps that you have to use in front of all your friends and family. Oh, and don't worry about finding a job, you won't need one, because the Democrats will just keep throwing money at you until your self-esteem and self-worth plummets. Compassionate? I call it just an easy solution to avoid the problem.

Republicans, on the other hand, would rather focus on helping you get back on your feet for good without having to run back to the government. We'd rather put your tax dollars into job training programs instead of a monthly issued check. But in the meantime, we understand that a person would need monetary assistance while they wait for the better job. That's where private aid comes in. Institutions such as churches and other privately funded programs are far better suited to meet your needs than the government. They are local, more efficient, and far more discreet in their contributions to you and your family. It's a win-win situation! With the Republican Party, you get a better job with more benefits and higher wages, and you get the help you need from places you actually trust! If that's not the definition of compassion, I don't know what is.

Second, let's talk about one of the most controversial topics ever, abortion. I know, some of you probably cringed just reading that word, but it has to be said. To me, advocating to protect an innocent human life (innocent is the key word people, that's why we support the death penalty) is the most compassionate thing a person can do. The Republicans do this. We have done all in our power to ensure that innocent lives, with minor exceptions such as the health of the mother, will be protected from the selfish intentions of their parents. Democrats think otherwise and feel that choice should come before life. I'll let you decide which stance is the more compassionate one.

So, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I hope that I have convinced you that the Republican Party is the one with the biggest heart. Feel free to repay me for my informative service with some candy in my mailbox. I'll be sure to thank you for it.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

Horrace Mann once said "Be afraid to die until you have won some victory for humanity". This is a quote, that I believe provides us all with a sort-of road map of what we should do in life; and politics is no exception. This week Jess and I are arguing the politics of "compassion" and which side of the political spectrum is truly the "bleeding heart".

Not surprisingly, I tend to argue that the political left practice the politics of compassion far more effectively on than our counterparts on the right. This probably goes against what the media and even certain "religious" figures have ground into our minds. We have been told by some rather unscrupulous characters (Pat Robertson) that God endorses Republicans. However, dear reader, I disagree with these and other so-called "compassionate conservatives" and ask you to examine with me the "politics of compassion".

The very first thing that any Republican will argue to assuage any doubt in your mind that they are in fact the party of "morality" and "compassion" is their firm stance against abortion. While I must admit that I personally find abortion disgusting, I am still not for banning it. I, along with many liberals, support the idea of "free will of the soul" and personal choice. It is not my place, nor anyone else's (especially the government's) to tell women what to do with their bodies. So in the end, I certainly do not support abortion, but rather I support the right for women to choose for themselves.

Next, I ask the reader to consider the stance of political ideologies when it comes to the poor. Liberals from FDR to LBJ and into today continue to make the fight for those who have been left behind by the American dream. Conservatives argue that through hard work and dedication we all can have health care, education and safety. Liberals argue that these are rights of all people regardless of our social or economic class. No one deserves to suffer in sickness merely because they have no money to pay for health care. No child deserves a poor education because of where they live. No elderly person should have to feel in danger's way because they live in a poor area. The "Freedom from want" and "freedom from fear" are two the famous "Four Freedoms" of Franklin Delano Roosevelt; one of our most liberal presidents. Compassion is trying to relieve the pain and suffering of others; regardless of social class.

The next issue of compassion comes from those who have been left behind by the constitution and bill of rights. These people have had to struggle to gain what many of us take for granted, however, they also found an ally in the liberal ideology. We helped to expand the women's movement, we worked to give civil rights to African Americans and now we struggle to gain rights for our homosexual brothers and sisters. Throughout these struggles, some tried to make "moral" or "religious" arguments to derail the cause, however, true-morality and compassion ruled in the end (and I hope the pattern continues).

As you can see, the liberal/progressive movements have long been the true source of compassion in the political world. I certainly do not believe the right to be "evil" or "bigoted", however, I merely believe that they are in many cases indifferent to the plight of those who are unlike themselves. We cannot say that we are for compassion and equality, while failing to act on it! Many claim to be compassionate, yet their actions contradict their statements. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best with "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Alpha Gamma Delta is NUTS about their new Squirrels!

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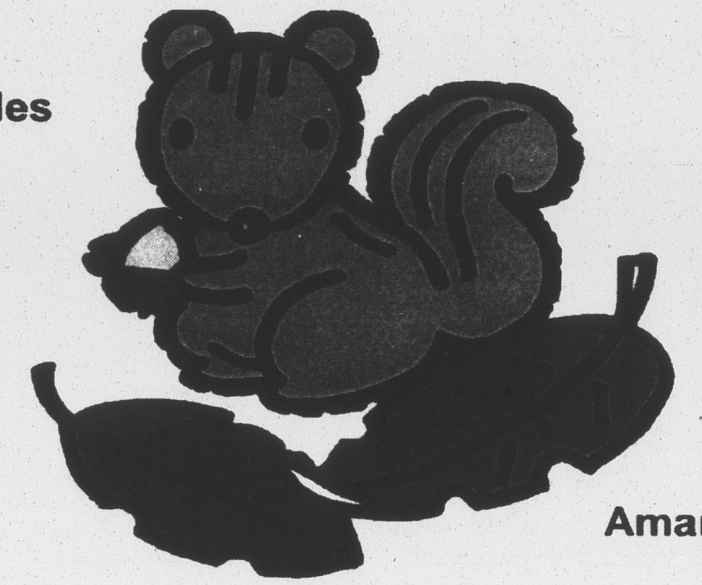

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Congratulations Girls!!

A Night on the Town: Review of Tuscany Square

by Tom Moore and Richard Marmura
Resident Food Aficionados

Getting tired of TUB food? Are you looking for someplace to take that special someone for Valentine's Day? Well if you are; try giving Tuscany Square on Route 18 in Neshannok Twp. a shot.

Tuesday evening, Rich and I had the pleasure of trying out a new restaurant that is not so new. Having opened two years ago, the Tuscany Square has come from rocky beginnings to a thriving success. With decently priced food, good service, and a fine atmosphere, Rich and I both agree, you can't go wrong spending an evening there.

Our initial reaction was pleasant when we were greeted, seated and served drinks within five minutes. For those who enjoy wine, Tuscany Square has a decent selection. If you are of age, may I suggest two on the menu that stood out to me. The first is Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay. At $7 per glass this is an elegant wine for a special evening like Valentine's Day. Rich in flavor, smooth, dry, and crisp, Kendall Jackson is a fine choice. If you are looking for something lesser in price try the Arcata Vineyards Chardonnay. Crisp, fruity, and delightful, this Chardonnay will go well with almost any meal.

Next Rich and I shared an appetizer of Bruchetta. An excellent choice and one of the best I have ever had. The tomato-basil-garlic blend was incredible a top fresh baked Italian bread.

For the entrée, we decided to divide between two extremes. Rich ordered the Tour of Italy, which offers Manicotti, Ravioli, Gnocchi, Fettuccine Alfredo, and Spaghetti. All except the Alfredo comes with the restaurants own red sauce. Of those options, Rich chose the Ravioli, Gnocchi, and Fettuccine Alfredo. I, on the other hand, ordered Chicken Marsala.

For Rich's part, he thoroughly enjoyed his meal. I must agree with him. Though the red sauce is sweeter than I am used to, it was still pleasurable. The Fettuccine Alfredo was also to die for. The Chicken Marsala, on the other hand, was not as pleasurable. Though the chicken itself was cooked to perfection, the Marsala wine sauce was too dark and too bland. A Marsala sauce is supposed to be light in color and rich in Marsala flavor. Neither of these qualities were found in this dish. Also, the side salad that was offered was no salad at all. Some lettuce, a grape tomato, and two slices of cucumber do not constitute a salad. My recommendation would be to try the soup of the day. Remember, at Italian Restaurants you can never go wrong with Wedding Soup. At this point we were full and had no room for dessert.

Overall the dining experience was good. Though I did not enjoy my entree, I did enjoy Rich's and the rest of the experience. My recommendation for anyone who may find themselves there would be to avoid the Chicken Marsala, but to try either the Chicken, Eggplant or Veal Parmesan. Based on the perfect preparation of the chicken for my dish as well as the red sauce used in the Tour of Italy, you will not go wrong in choosing one of those three. Another recommendation would be their pizza. Based upon past experiences of other food aficionado's, Tuscany Square offer's many different but excellent pizzas. One of these is a Feta Pizza with chunk tomato and garlic.

On a scale of one to ten, one being awful and ten being incredible, I would rate this dining experience with a seven. Rich rated the experience with an eight. We based this not only on the meal, but the amount of food given (which was considerable), the presentation, and the atmosphere. We had a delightful experience, good service, and hot food. Also as a nice touch, the owner himself went around and asked various tables how their meals were. I always enjoy when the owner of a restaurant takes time out of his/her schedule to make sure the patrons are pleased. I would have rated the experience at a six and a half, but because of the care he took in making sure the patrons were satisfied, that displays care for the quality of food as well.

The meal ran us $45, which isn't bad when you consider the amount of food we ordered. And face it, when you are taking out that special someone, it can't hurt to splurge a little bit on him or her. Valentine's Day only comes once a year. So tomorrow, go out, take that someone out for the night of their life, and give Tuscany Square a try. Make sure to call for a reservation though, nothing is more embarrassing than showing up at a restaurant on a busy night and waiting an hour and a half to eat. You don't want your date to think you are a complete idiot.

2nd Annual Lovey Dovey Holcad Contest

From: Aaron
To: Jennifer

Happy Valentines Day. I love you.

TheLovey Dovey Winner is...

From: Sherri Slafka
To: Aidan (Mewha)

Hope you have a
"Happy Valentine's Day"
roomie! You're the best!

Love, Sherri

From: Bonehead
To: Beautiful

Will you be my valentine?

From: Feliz
To: Steve

We are both so poor that we can't celebrate, but here's a free present...I love you!! Thanks for 2+ years!

From: Brian Bauer
To: Steph

Happy Valentine's Day baby!

From: Lindsey Robertson
To: Erin

Roses are red,
violets are blue,
you rock my socks,
and I know you love me too!
Happy V-Day, Roomie!

From: Mamma
To: Chris

I hope you have a berry special Valentines day!
ZL&M,
Your Mamma

From: Amy Carroll
To: Steve

Words can't express
the way you've mended my soul
made me a better person
and been my every piece that's whole

-I love you Steve

From: Beautiful
To: Bonehead

I'll be your valentine til we're old
and gray.

From: Steph Wagner
To: Brian

I love you baby!
XOXO Muah!

Winner was picked at randomfrom a hat. Anonymous entries, or entries using pseudonyms were not entered into the contest.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Singles Day

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Happy Singles Awareness Day tomorrow! That's right, it's another Valentine's Day, here to make all of our nightmares come true. I'd like to examine the stigma of Valentine's Day in this week's edition, and see if whether or not this "holiday" is all it's cracked up to be. Join me, won't you, and we'll see if we can find that Holy Grail of relationships - "The Perfect Valentine's Day."

First of all, let's be frank. Valentine's Day is a made-up holiday that the chocolate manufacturers and the greeting card printers exaggerate more grossly every year to make money. "But Drew," you may say, "the holiday is based on St. Valentine." Right you are. But let's look into who this St. Valentine really was:

To begin, according to newadvent.org (the "Catholic Encyclopedia"), there were actually three St. Valentines - all of them martyrs. None of them are mentioned as being particularly romantic or good with the ladies. What is interesting is that there is no official Saint with the name of Valentine in the Roman Catholic church (check out americancatholic.org). There are actually references to the entire Valentine story being legend or folklore.

The reasons for the date being named after Valentine aren't very clear, either. However, in ancient Rome, February 14th was the holiday to honor Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. The Valentine tie comes in because according to the folklore, one of the Valentines was a priest in ancient Rome that performed Christian marriage rituals despite their being illegalized. He was beheaded for this.

The Roman festival dealt with a sexually-involved ceremony in which boys and girls would be paired for a duration of time (sometimes for an entire year). Gradually, this was adopted into the Christian tradition, affixing the name of Valentine onto it, but instead of the sexual connotations (which the Popes were quick to get rid of), it became a day focused upon love, even though there was no official St. Valentine, and the stories were at best legends. Yay. Now that we have that fascinating history out of the way (and I'm not necessarily a historian, so feel free to correct me if I'm wrong), let's talk about why I'm so angry.

Like I said before, the holiday has become so commercialized that I'm really fed up with the entire spectacle. As a male, I would be expected to buy chocolates, flowers, presents (there are a multitude of little red and white stuffed animals on the market, covered with saccharine-sweet hearts with "Be Mine" and "I Luv U" embroidered on them, not to mention countless other things that are so much garage sale fodder), to take my Valentine out to dinner, possibly a movie, possibly to a bar (oops, I mean, to a malt shop to get frosty chocolate milkshakes - sorry Westminster), and on top of that, I would have incredibly increased expectations from my Valentine as regards my behavior, my mentality, my speech, and even my dress and mannerisms. The same goes for women, too - we all have to fit that certain "Valentine mold" every February 14th, and, you know what? If you're a couple, one of you is always going to be disappointed. It's inevitable. If you're with someone, one of you is not going to have as good a time as the other. If you're single, you are just made aware of how single you are, when you check your mailbox and find it empty; void of valentines or gifts, the opposite wall of the mailroom staring you in the face like the Grim Reaper himself, laughing at you. You can tell I'm just a little ray of sunshine this year, can't you?

So why is it always a let-down? Because other than Miss Cleo, nobody can read minds. Unless both people in a couple say exactly and bluntly what they want to do and what they want in the way of gifts for Valentine's Day, something is bound to screw up. That, of course, never happens. Usually, the guy or girl has to find out what their significant other wants through a mutual friend, who will whisper a little something into their ear, tipping them off about what that significant other is wanting for V-Day. The odds are pretty good that you'll get it right if you use this method, but God help you if you're wrong.

So you have a gift you're pretty sure will be good - it has a good chance of making your significant other happy. Excellent. There's still the question of what to do. Go to a movie? Okay, what movie? Last-minute plans usually don't work - come on, it's Valentine's Day, and hundreds of other couples are probably doing exactly the same thing you have in mind. So, they'll be packing into the theatre you had in mind. What about dinner? If you haven't made reservations at least a week in advance, you'll be celebrating Valentine's Day at McDonald's. How romantic - maybe you can put two spoons in your McFlurry. How about a show in Cleveland or Pittsburgh? Let's hope that your significant other will like it, or you'll both be miserable, you'll both have to suffer through it (you won't want to waste your money, and you won't want to admit to yourself that your significant other doesn't like it, and your significant other will be paranoid about hurting your feelings if they say they aren't enjoying themselves). What about staying in and watching a movie? Anybody who has a boyfriend or girlfriend knows how hard it can be to agree on a movie both will watch and like equally.

Then there's the aspect of the "little things" that you don't (and won't) think of to let your significant other know how much you are thinking of them and love them. I won't even list examples here, because you should know that whatever you try to do either won't be enough, or won't be appropriate, or won't be a good enough return for what they're doing for you. If you try something, the odds are that the wrong message will come through. If the right message gets through, it probably won't be enough of that right message. If it's both the right message and enough of it, you have to worry about making your significant other feel guilty about not seeming to appreciate you enough. Why do we put ourselves through such neurotic torture when all we should really do is just say, "I love you - I appreciate you and your being with me. Thank you for making my life better." And then just doing something that is fun. Why should February 14th be so radically different from every other day?

So what am I saying? I am saying don't take tomorrow too seriously. Don't let yourself get caught up in the stuff that doesn't matter ("should I choose nougat or caramel chocolates?"), and just do what you should be doing every day, not just February 14th - appreciating the person (and people - it's not just a boyfriend/girlfriend holiday - it's a friend holiday) you love.

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first seen in his masterpiece Blood Of A Poet with mirrors made of water, living statues, and candelabras fashioned from living arms, transforming a children's fable into a complex cinematic classic.

This version was a more literal adaptation from the original text version by Jeanne-Marie Le Prince de Beaumont then the 1991 animated Disney version, so many of us now know. The original version was written in 1783 by LePrince de Beaumont as a manual for women about how to love a man you were set up with after an arranged marriage. Disney stole a lot of its design concepts and plot details from this film version to make theirs.

The film starts out almost like Cinderella, with an upper-class family in which one daughter, Bell, does all the work while the two other daughters are papered. The father gets lost in a storm and finds a castle where doors open by themselves and candles are help by seemingly real arms. Bell had asked her father to pluck a rose for her while he was out, and after her father takes a rose for her the Beast comes out from behind the bushes. The Beast explains how roses are the only things in the world that he loves and that he must kill the father for taking one of his roses. The father bargains with the Beast to exchange one of his daughter's lives for his own.

The father returns home and tells the story to his daughters and explains that he must go back and die so they don't have to. Bell sneaks out in the middle of the night by riding the magical stallion Magnificat back to the Beast's castle by whispering the magical words into the horse's ear and thus takes her father's place.

Bell goes to the castle and the Beast doesn't kill her. They grow somewhat fond of each other. Bell's father gets very sick and she asks the Beast if she can leave. He gives her the five secrets to his power, the glove that teleports her anywhere, the golden key, the magic mirror, the horse, and the rose. In return for this favor the Beast asks her to return to him or he will die of sorrow.

Upon her return home her former suitor and her siblings formulate a plan to kill the beast and steal all his wealth. They steal the golden key and ride the stallion Magnificat to the Beast's castle. Belle puts on the glove and also goes to the castle to comfort the Beast. Belle's suitor breaks the glass trying to get into the Beast's treasure trove and is shot by a magical arrow, dies and takes the hideous form of the beast. The Beast is transformed into a charming prince who looks much like Bell's newly deceased suitor because he had won the love of a fair maiden and the spell was broken.

Cocteau's also published a memoir of the making of this movie, Beauty and the Beast: Diary of a Film, which is now widely used in cinema studies. It gives a day to day account of all the trials endured by the actors, director, designers and crew during the five-month shoot, and it reveals how Cocteau invented his moments of cinema magic for the film out of ordinary items and clever camera shots.

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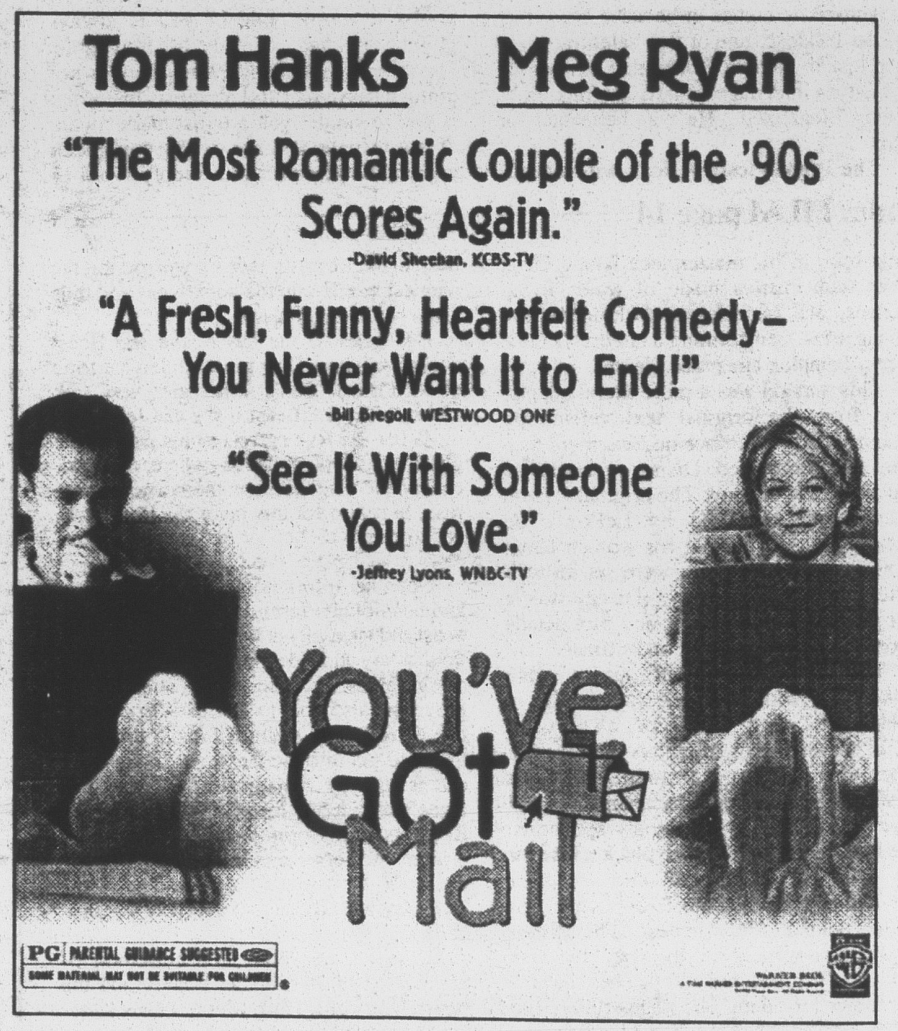

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Shoplifting Crackdown

photo by Megan Sigler

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

Due to a severe increase in shop lifting incidents, the gate that would typically signal a closed off area, is now serving to keep a closer eye on students in the Orchard Street Cafe.

Unfortunately, shoplifting issues are nothing new and the food court seems to be a main place that students have chosen to take advantage of.

Dining Services Director Jeff Creveling explained that the problem stemmed from the small pizza boxes. When students asked staff members for a larger pizza box or to help them fit their pizza into a box, staff members noticed hidden items inside of the boxes.

Students recognize the need for the watchful eye, but still find the use of the gates a little drastic.

"I think its ridiculous that they have to do that, but I understand they have to do something," junior Tom Oyer said.

Catering Manager Beth Sammons said that Cafe workers have already noticed a change.

"We have seen a decrease [in theft] since we started closing the gate and started watching people more closely," said Sammons.

Sammons added that there had been concerns about the amount of space in the café entrance that were brought up during the summer before the building was open to the student body.

The gate has been partially shut for about two weeks now and many students are asking if this will be permanent.

"We're not sure at this point," Creveling said. "It's not meant to be permanent like that."

Creveling went on to explain that a long-term solution is still in the works. It has only been a couple of weeks since the initial closing took place, so management is still assessing possible ways to decrease theft.

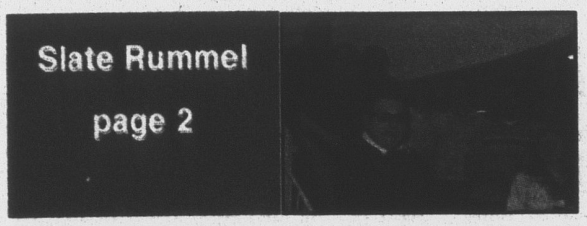
Sammons said that there has been some talk of building a waist high wall partially covering the entrance, much like where the gate is pulled to now. This could also double as another space for trays or condiments.

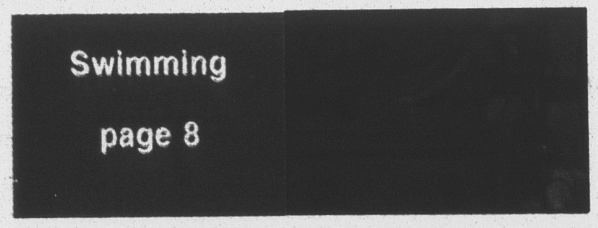
One student suggested more modern methods for dealing with the problem.

"If you want to stop shoplifting in the Orchard Street Cafe, then you need modern security measures like cameras," senior Ken Jae said.

Creveling regrets the measures the Dining Service staff mus take to prevent student theft.

"With anything else, it's unfortunate that a few have to ruin it for everyone else," Creveling said.





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CAMPUS NEWS

New SGA slate to take office in March

by Lindsay Schuler
Campus Writer

On March 10, Slate Rummel breaks a 14-year streak by running unopposed for student government elections.

Slate Rummel consists of nine experienced candidates who have previously held an active role in SGA. The students on Slate Rummel are President Jessica Rummel, Vice President Russ Mills, Secretary Ian Durham, Treasurer Greg Smith, Academic Chairman Colter McElree, Public Relations Chairwoman Andrea Ceplecci, Special Events Chairwoman Nicole Udanis, Judicial Chairwoman Sara Cameroto, and Finance Chairman Rich Marmura.

This slate was the only party to submit its platform for the January 26 deadline. Hence, they will take office in March.

According to the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Neal Edman, "We really can't put our finger on why they're going unopposed. It may be that they are a formidable team with considerable SGA experience. I don't think it's a question of ambivalence or disinterest, though."

Slate Rummel will distribute handouts providing information about their goals for the upcoming year. Their platform includes: providing assistance to student organizations through fundraising tactics and PR ideas, creating stronger bonds in the community and with the students, hosting entertaining campus activities, such as expanding "Fall Fest" with Battle of the Bands and a dodge ball tournament.

"It's sad that our slate really didn't get a chance to campaign or sell ourselves to the campus," said Rummel. "But it's nice that we can use our energy to carry out our platform goals."

Slate Rummel is promising more involvement in each academic department to address student concerns and issues. In addition, the slate has talked about possibly working with the academic departments and the registrar to advocate for a student online registration process.

When asked how she felt about the new SGA slate, former President Christy Atkins responded, "I think Slate Rummel will be terrific because they are nine people who really care about SGA, the campus, and most importantly the student body. I believe they will do their best to improve Westminster and meet the students' needs."

photo by Erin Gray

The new SGA slate includes (l-r) Nicole Udanis, Special Events; Rich Marmura Finance; Sara Camerota, Judicial; Russ Mills, Vice President; Andrea Ceplecci, Public Relations; Colter McElree, Acedemics; Ian Durham, Secretary; and Jessica Rummel, President.

Chapel Drama will cast a "spell" on audiences this May

by Megan Deem
Campus Writer

The Chapel Drama production staff had a satisfyingly busy round of auditions Feb. 10 and 11 as they sought roles for the upcoming presentation of Godspell.

"We had a lot of really talented people this year," said Amanda Ries, a senior Chapel Drama production staff member. Judging from last year's tryouts, they expected around 20 to 30 students to audition; competing for the three main roles of Jesus, John the Baptist and Judas.

Their expectations were met when 13 students auditioned the first night, followed by 12 students the next night, totaling 25 participants.

"[The auditions] were very laid back," Amy Schroder, a first-year participant, said. "I felt very comfortable." The Chapel Drama production staff decided to conduct closed auditions, allotting each student 10 minutes to do a reading from the show and a small dance measure.

Students could indicate whether they were interested in a main role or the chorus, but all students auditioning were expected to be involved. "Anyone who auditions is in the show," Ries said. "You won't necessarily receive a speaking role, but you will be in the chorus."

Although the cast only includes three main speaking roles, Godspell will be narrated by different cast members and will depict different portions of the Bible. "[Godspell] is a collection of parables and lessons loosely based upon parables of the book of Matthew," Ries said. It includes 10 to 12 parables ending with the story of the Crucifixion. It is expected to last about two hours.

"It's a great show," Edwards said. "I really like it. I think it's a funny show but it has a message."

Brent Rodgers, who was cast to play the role of Jesus, agreed. "It's not your typical religious show…" he said. "I'm anxious to see what direction it will go."

Drew Huston was selected to portray Judas, and Matt Fodor, the music director assistant, was cast as John the Baptist. Fourteen students were chosen to do solos or duets and 12 people were grouped as the ensemble cast.

"Chapel Drama is not your typical theatre production," Ries said. "It has a mission and a message behind it…[it] allows for an interesting mix of people." All of the productions from Chapel Drama are funded by the chapel and run by students. Chaplain Jim Mohr and Assistant Chaplain Keturah Laney help produce and direct.

The production is free for all students and community members. "There's a free will offering, and people can donate if they wish," Edwards said.

Godspell will be performed in two shows on May 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Anyone interested in playing a musical instrument for the production can contact Ariel Mickle, the Music Director at 724-946-7959.

New film raises concerns over possible Anti-Semitic content

by Bryan Peck
Campus Writer

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," set to be released in theaters Feb. 25 is causing a stir among many Jewish activists, but here students and faculty seem unaffected.

The movie is a record of the trials of Jesus Christ, and many of the Jewish faith believe that this movie will encourage the belief that those of the Jewish faith were responsible for the death of Christ. While people rush to buy tickets online for the movie, set to be released on Ash Wednesday, others rush to spread the word that the movie leads the public to believe that the Jewish people were solely responsible for the death of Christ. Despite all of the external trouble, the campus remains calm on the matter. Professor of religion, Dr. Kang-Yup Na, is encouraging his students to go see the movie when it comes out, due to its relevance to course material. No controversies about the movie have arisen on campus.

"Most students here are either apathetic or on the religious end of it," he said.

Na feels that the movie will not be harmful to those of the Jewish faith as long as it is seen in an academic light.

Sophomore Kim Nester seems to think that even though anti-Semitic comments may arise because of the movie, it should be seen with the outlook that it is being filmed as a historical documentary.

"Anti-Semitic feelings may abound, but this is how it all happened. Judaism was the dominant religion at the time, so most of those who persecuted him would have been Jewish due to the fact that Christianity hadn't arisen because, well, Christ hadn't died yet," she said.

"Passion of the Christ" is already attracting a huge following. Although the movie's release date is still a few days off, religious groups all over the country are preparing for the event by setting up mass transportation to the premiere. Whether it is for interest in the movie or to see just see what all the buzz is about, many people are planning to see this movie. With the exception of some skeptics who believe the movie will send out the wrong message, the general consensus is that this will be a great event.

"It wouldn't be the first movie made about Jesus in our lifetime, but I think that it has the potential to be the most influential," sophomore Nadia Buzzelli said.

Students prepare for the movie with a mixture of apathy, delight, and skepticism, while the rest of the world judges Mel Gibson's new movie without having seen it. Na advises students to see the movie for themselves and then decide if it holds true when the credits are rolling.

CDC cuts Inquiry program to one semester for future first year students

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

The faculty voted and approved a proposal last Thursday, the 12th, to reduce Inquiry 101 and 102 in the fall and spring semesters to a single course, Inquiry 111.

A convergence of student and faculty opinions and evidence spurred the faculty to vote that the two 4-hour courses in the fall and spring of a student's first year be reduced to a single 4-hour course in the fall. According to Doctor Virginia Tomlinson, chair of the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC), students have expressed the desire for more courses in their majors the first year and some faculty have said the current curriculum is simply "too much."

"Part of it was motivated by scheduling difficulties reported by some students," says Tomlinson.

The new Inquiry 111 course will be required of first-year students, along with basic communications classes like Writing 111 and Speech 111. The new course will not attempt to cover everything that was previously done in two semesters, says Tomlinson.

Course objectives include the instilling of liberal arts values and abilities within students, the engaging of the students' assumptions and experiences so that they can respect different ways of knowing and different cultural views, and also the pursuit of interdisciplinary studies, according to a memorandum released by Doctor David Swerdlow to the faculty.

The faculty still has to meet over the summer to plan course specifics, select common texts, and create their individual sections. All faculty who will be teaching the courses must attend the summer meetings, but those who are not teaching it will still be invited.

Tomlinson says that this is part of an effort to keep as much of the faculty involved in the common courses as possible. "I think that's beneficial because when you know what's foundational, you can make connections in upper level courses."

Professors will have some freedom to teach according to their individual preferences, but will also be required to follow the common texts to an extent. The faculty will also be required to maintain a "reasonably consistent expectation" for both the amount and the quality of work expected from students in all sections, according to the course proposal.

The creation of the new course proposal for Inquiry 111 began last year after the faculty's vote to reduce the course. Initially, the CDC informally surveyed the department chairs, and also took into consider the student population.

Beginning in the fall, the CDC went through a process of sending faculty to attend conferences dedicated to higher education and first-year programs, and also considered a book, Greater Expectations, says Tomlinson. The conferences compared first-year programs from across the nation, discussing the assorted programs and their benefits.

"To be sure," says Tomlinson, "we're knowledgeable about national trends and research related to higher education."

The CDC gathered all of their information together and presented to the faculty a discussion based on the book, conferences, and the college's student population. Limited response was generated from that discussion in October, and 4 focus groups were held afterwards, in order to increase faculty feedback.

Once the feedback had been generated, it was turned into a bulleted release for faculty review, and the CDC proceeded to develop the proposal that was passed last Thursday.

Inquiry is frequently a course that catches a lot of complaints from first-year students, according to Freshman Colby King, student member of the CDC. "Generally," he says, "it appears that despite the amount of grumbling about Inquiry now, after graduation the students seem to appreciate the experience a lot more."

The bulleted list of feedback from faculty including, under course goals and objectives, the desire to provide a "mind-expanding, mind-blowing experience" and also an insistence that students be called upon to function at a greater capacity than they had in high school.

The summary of faculty comments also included the need for a working plan to examine and assess Inquiry so that there is some guidance in making decisions about the course down the road.

Tomlinson, thus far, has been pleased with the amount of participation by the faculty. "It's encouraging to me that so many in the faculty have expressed their thoughts and suggestions in the process of creating this course," she says. "And I think that speaks to the quality of our faculty and their concern for the students and the educations we offer them."

Are snacks really worth all the hassel?

by Heather Evakich
Campus Writer

Students across campus have been complaining about the injustice of the vending machines: the stale food, the overpriced snacks and the occasional money-eating.

The machines are filled and serviced by Den Vend, a company based out of New Castle. According to Don Shelenberger, business manager, a company truck is on campus Monday through Friday to check the machines and stock them daily. The merchandise comes from Pepsi Cola in Meadville and suppliers in both Youngstown and Pittsburgh. The prices of the food and beverage items are recommended by Den Vend and are based on prices in the regional markets. The college then finalizes the prices. The company keeps an eye on changes in the larger market and recommends price increases as things change in the outside world.

So then why are the students complaining?

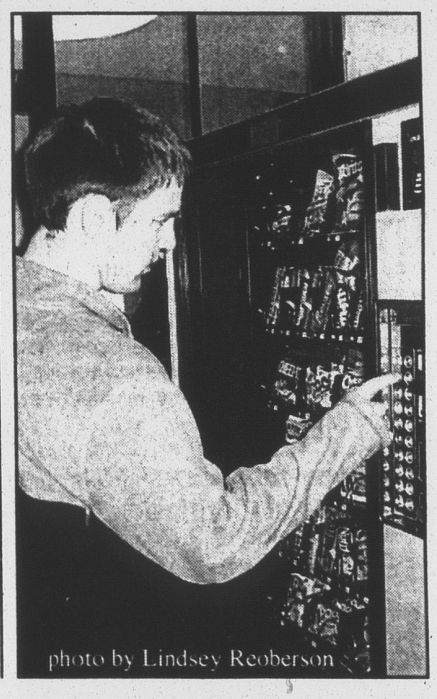
"Twix aren't supposed to crunch when you bite into the caramel," sophomore Jenn Britton said.

Senior Carolyn Miller had complaints as well. She said, "I bought a Sierra Mist last week that was almost a year old." She elaborated that, upon examining the information on the label, the advertised contest had expired in May of 2003.

Sophomore Kristen Sargent went so far as to say she was instituting a personal boycott against the machines because they are overpriced, the food is old, and they almost always eat her money.

Some students, however, didn't seem to have any issues with the vending machines. Sophomore Amanda Kovacic said that she didn't really have a problem with them, but went on to say, "Vending machines are inherently evil. It's in their nature."

Despite all the complaints about the machines, more would probably arise if they were to be taken off campus. After all, one of the main staples of a successful college existence is junk food, and even stale snacks are preferable to nothing at all. And of course, there's nothing quite like the convenience of grabbing a drink and bag of chips on the way to class.



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Campus scores laughs with comedian

by Michael Klass
Campus Writer

On Friday, Feb. 13, comedian Dave Russo performed for a gathering of people in the Club room of the McKelvey Campus Center.

The performance, beginning shortly after 10 p.m., was opened by Pete Costello. The young comedian entertained the audience with a wide variety of jokes, discussing such topics as road rage, college, dieting and television. The audience seemed to enjoy Costello, and many of his observations and jokes were met with laughter.

Keeping his set short, Costello then introduced Russo, who took the stage and worked the audience with topics such as the college's location, his own height, being home schooled and other observations. His efforts were rewarded with applause and laughter. Both comics shared views on the geographic isolation of the college, as well as the artwork hanging above the stage in the Lounge.

Sophomore Aaron Bruck seemed to be pleased for the opportunity to attend the show. "Personally, I'm glad that we have the opportunity to get something on campus that allows us to kick back and have a good time after the week of work," Bruck said.

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Many of those who attended the performance seemed to share the same view, as they encouraged Russo to continue performing once he had planned to finish. Russo seemed obliged to continue, and went on for a short time longer before thanking the audience and closing his set.

Both comedians moved rapidly from topic to topic, keeping the audience attentive. Costello tied one topic to the next, in an almost continuous flow. Russo kept his jokes flowing as well, but occasionally jumped to a new topic without a real transition.

"That's my A.D.D. acting up again," Russo said.

Although the college promotes non-offensive entertainment, both Costello and Russo used some explicit and off-color language. While this may have offended some, most of the audience did not mind.

Sophomore Ben Mentzer thought the language was acceptable. "Yeah, it may have been a little off-color, but I think it was appropriate for the college setting," Mentzer said.

Other attendees to the event shared a similar view. Overall, the comedians were met with a positive response, and the audience vocalized their gratitude for the performance.

Russell Hall's Resident Director Seth McCormick expressed his opinion on the show.

"I've never been to a comedy show before, but this is something my fiancé and I will see again," he said.

Russo, Winner of the 2000 Boston Comedy Festival Stand-Up Comedy Competition, has a busy schedule in the following months, including a run headlining The Tropicana in Las Vegas in May. For more information on Dave Russo, visit www.daverusso.net.

Mardi Gras brings booths, bands and Bottle of Justus

by Feliz DeNu
Campus Writer

This Friday, Feb. 20, the annual Mardi Gras will take place in McKelvey Campus Center. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the activities will continue through the evening until 11:00.

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Student Alumni Association will host a carnival that encompasses all the floors of McKelvey. Immediately after this, a symphonic band will play in Orr Auditorium. Finally, at 9:00 p.m. CPC will feature Mike Lee, followed by the band Bottle of Justus. The aforementioned will be held in the Berlin Student Lounge.

"We are expecting a good turnout and hope the students will come to support fellow students and friends," junior Tara Timpano said. Timpano is president of SAA.

The carnival consists of booths representing various organizations on campus. Some booths to be expected this year include: balloon artists, magicians, mask-making, musical chairs, fortune telling and caricatures. A king and queen will be giving away beads.

"Many families attend the carnival time for children to enjoy the booth activities," said Director of Alumni Relations Mary James.

The festivities in McKelvey do not end with the carnival. Sophomore Thomas Burkhart, chairperson of CPC, has booked entertainment for the evening. Talented comedian and hypnotist Mike Lee will perform first. Lee has been featured at various colleges across the nation, as well as for pro sports teams and various corporations. Then, ending the celebration will be the band Bottle of Justus. The group has a pop-rock sound, resembling that of Sugar Ray.

"Nothing beats the rush of seeing a band play live. I anticipate Mardi Gras being a huge event this year," Burkhart said.

Burkhart noted that finding a band that fits the general consensus of students is difficult. CPC receives demos from booking agencies to review. They then pick one band they feel best fits the taste of the campus.

Mardi Gras is an evening for students, faculty and community members. SAA takes measures to inform the community of the event, as well as encourages the professors to notify the students.

"It is so nice to see others from the community intermingling with the students, and also it is very popular to see the professors bring their children to participate," Timpano said.

WC sends delegates to their first model UN

by Jay Windl
Campus Writer

On Feb. 7, student "delegates" joined representatives from the University of Pittsburgh and Mercyhurst College in their ambassadorial roles for Model United Nations debates. Model U.N. participants gain insight on how different topics are viewed by the global community. Researching the issues facing the international society lets students see the world from various perspectives. Members learn how to prepare resolutions, and plan strategies for debates with supporters and adversaries.

Students role-play the different member nations. Jessica Altman and Kylie Gallagher represented the United Kingdom, while Sarah Bolger and Brad Steines stood in for South Africa. The issue was "Condemning Russia's policy in Chechnya."

While other schools have taken part in these debates before, this was the first time Westminster has formed a team. The 40 members came from various backgrounds and majors.

"Even though we were small, I was very proud of our students," said Dr. Andrea Grove, who organized the Model U.N. team. Her aim is to have a larger team by March for the debate with the College of Wooster and Mercyhurst at Wooster, Ohio. Plans are also in the making to host a debate in October.

The Model U.N. gives students an opportunity to learn. "I think it is important for students to have some idea of what goes on in the world and how the issues are worked out and agreed upon," freshman Kylie Gallagher said.

"Part of the problem is there are so many views to agree with," junior Jessica Altman said. Altman is not new to the Model United Nations, having taken part in it during high school.

With some experience in the Model U.N. now under their belts, the team looks toward March at Wooster.

Students interested in learning more about the Model U.N. can contact Andrea Grove at groveak@westminster.edu or 724-946-7254.

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Spring Break Countdown

We're just a month away from spring break. And students and faculty will enjoy a longer spring break—this year it's 10-days long. The 10-day mid-semester break runs from March 13 through March 23. Campus officials say the extended time off keeps the college calendar on track for spring commencement schedule.

Tub Gate

Sodexho officials are keeping the gates around the Orchard Street Café closed to restrict access and cut down on shoplifting. Officials say the problem just got out of hand as people made off with food without paying. Workers tell Digital 88.9 News that Sodexho is talking with campus officials about constructing a permanent wall in the campus center to help restrict the traffic flow in and out of the café to permanently solve the problem.

Thawing Ice Isn't So Nice

Campus officials warn people venturing out onto the ice of Lake Brittain to use caution. The weekend temperatures will have a thawing effect on the ice. Forecasters predict temperatures will rise into the 50's later this week. People sledding down to the lake as well as people who tried skating on its frozen surface are warned to use extra caution as the ice begins to thaw.

Eichenaur Burglary Investigation Continues

Campus security officials say the investigation into a burglary at Eichenaur Hall last year continues—but officials now believe the intruders entered the building through the main entrance. Back in December a student returned to his room in Eichenauer and found two intruders inside. When confronted, one individual told the student that he had a gun and that's when the intruders ran away. The burglars made off with a Sony Play Station II and they were trying to take a computer. The investigation is now in the hands of New Wilmington Police and the District Attorney's office is also discussing what will happen next with the case.

Do Not Prop Doors Open

Despite the fact that campus security now knows that the intruders in the Eichenaur burglary came in through the main entrance with someone—officials are concerned with the problem of propped open doors in residence halls. Security Dean John Lechner says leaving exit doors propped opens students up as crime victims. Lechner says in the past semester most thefts on campus have occurred in Eichenaur Hall as it has the most entrances—and there has been a constant problem of the doors being propped open.

New Inquiry and Graduation Requirements

The college board of trustees approved some major curriculum changes late last week—doing away with the second course of Inquiry and lowering the credits needed to graduate. The changes will go into effect for incoming first-year students this fall. The change will combine Inquiry 1 and Inquiry II to a single course called Inquiry 111—a course devoted to introducing students to the liberal arts. The change will also mean the incoming freshmen will need fewer hours to complete a degree at Westminster. Currently students need 132 hours—next year's first-year students will only need 128.

New Castle Increases Wage Tax

If you work in New Castle—or plan on getting a job with an employer in town you can expect to pay more in wage taxes. New Castle city council has voted to increase the wage tax. The council approved a point-two-five percent increase on the amount of taxes people working in the city. That tax money will help pay off an 11-million dollar pension fund liability the cit faces.

Would-Be Sniper Investigation in Mercer County

State Troopers in nearby Mercer County say a third motorist has come forward saying someone shot his truck last week. Police have been asking people who drive a stretch of Route 348 near Clarks Mill to check their vehicles for damage gunfire. A 19-year old and a younger teenage friend will face formal charges in court this week for shooting at passing cars with a rifle. Troopers say the teens shot at passing cars from the 19-year old's bedroom window.

Murder-Suicide in Ellwood City

Ellwood City Police say an argument between a man and his ex-wife turned into murder and suicide yesterday. Investigators say 53-year old Gary Gebhart shot and killed his ex-wife Mary Ann yesterday afternoon—and later turned the gun on himself.

WC Interns Head To Work as WKBN-TV Settles with Union

Anchors, reporters, photographers and directors returned to the job at WKBN-TV in Youngstown late last week after they approved a new contract. That means interns from Westminster will also head to work. Broadcasting majors Sarah Bowers and Melissa Toy were scheduled to begin internships, but a contract struggle between management and the NABET union kept them away. Members of the NABET union spent the past few weeks on the picket line after the company locked them out. Union membership agreed late last week to a new contract offer and returned to work. Station management had been running limited newscasts with non-union personnel during the dispute.

Women's Swim Team Champs

The Lady Titan's swim team captured its second consecutive PAC swimming championship over the weekend. The Titan's came out on top at the three-day event at Grove City with sophomore Megan Sweithelm setting a PAC record for the 200 backstroke. Swim coach Rob Klamut was named coach of the year and freshman Ryan Trunk on the Titan's men's team was named swimmer of the year. Westminster's men's swim team came in second in PAC for the season.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Judge maintains job after accusations of molestation

STROUDSBURG, Pa. (AP) Joseph Massa Jr. is chief counsel for the Judicial Conduct Board, which is charged with disciplining jurists who do either really dumb or illegal acts while they wear the black robes of office. As such, Massa is the individual who has been contacted by several people to bring some kind of sanctions against Monroe County Judge Mark Pazuhanich.

Pazuhanich has been charged with various and sundry charges revolving around the public fondling of a 10-year-old child. All the charges against the former county district attorney are misdemeanors, not felonies. And that is what Massa is hanging his hat on when it comes to his public argument that the board cannot do anything about Pazuhanich sitting as a judge, wearing his robe of office and collecting every penny due him from his $124,000 annual salary, in spite of the fact that his duties apparently consist mostly of tasks of the administrative nature.

Private and public citizens, including lawmakers, have contacted Massa's office seeking to have Pazuhanich suspended, with or without pay. Massa has ducked and dodged their calls for action by claiming the Judicial Conduct Board cannot do a thing in regard to the judge because none of the charges against him are classified as felonious crimes.

Apparently Massa has had so much contact with outraged Monroe County residents that he has told other people he will no longer discuss the case with anyone who contacts him about the disgraced jurist.

Massa's claims that Pazuhanich is protected from any action by the board by the way he interprets the Pennsylvania Constitution. Local folks disagree with Massa, hence the frustration. (By the way, some of those who disagree with Massa's interpretation of that document are attorneys themselves.)

Since Massa is apparently no longer talking to anyone about Pazuhanich, it is somewhat interesting to note that he is out of step with his own argument when it comes to Judicial Conduct Board actions since 1994, actions taken against those who wear the robes of the court of common pleas, as well as district magistrates. Suspensions were indeed handed down for various activities, including possession of marijuana, frequenting local bars during court hours and exhibiting behavior linked to intoxication. Citations were issued, and suspensions with and without pay were ordered by the board in all those instances. But not in the Pazuhanich case.

What most Monroe County residents cannot seem to accept is drawing the line at different types of conduct. Massa would have a very hard time explaining to angered local residents that conduct involving child molestation charges is less serious than possession of marijuana in amounts that do not rise to those required for a charge of intent to distribute.

Lewd conduct involving a child is considered pretty serious in these parts, which are admittedly probably not on as sophisticated a level as that of Harrisburg or wherever Massa and other Judicial Conduct Board members might hang their hats. Yet the board is apparently more concerned about people smoking a little hemp than a judge fondling a child.

Pazuhanich has not yet had all of his days in court on the charges, and he is presumed innocent until the final outcome, either by a judge or a jury. But he has gone through a preliminary hearing which provided the public with pretty harrowing testimony, including that presented by the alleged young victim in the case. And that testimony has angered many people in the 43rd Judicial District. But Massa doesn't want to talk about it. And he doesn't want to hear about it. And he isn't going to do anything about. And he apparently has the final word on the matter.

Meanwhile, the citizens of Monroe County have to put up with Pazuhanich drawing his huge salary while mostly shuffling papers. They have no other recourse to rid themselves of a man who has been accused of not "conducting himself at all times in a manner promoting public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary," which is what the conduct board said of the magistrate who possessed the marijuana.

How much confidence does Massa think the citizens within the 43rd Judicial District have in Pazuhanich? And how does he explain why other jurists have been disciplined even though they were not charged with felonies?

—Regional Briefs

Crane accident kills two

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) A construction crane collapsed Monday onto an interstate bridge over the Maumee River, crushing several vehicles and killing three people, fire officials said.

At least two more were injured, Toledo Fire Capt. Robert Krause said. Investigators were trying to determine whether the injured were workers or people driving across the bridge.

Television footage of the I-280 bridge south of downtown shows a tractor-trailer crushed beneath part of the yellow steel crane, which collapsed about 2:30 p.m.

The bridge was open to traffic as crews were building a new section alongside it, Krause said.

"There's massive damage," he said.

Teens use cars for target practice

MERCER, Pa. (AP) Two teens used moving vehicles for target practice, damaging at least two vehicles by firing a rifle from a bedroom window, police said.

Timothy Lackey, 19, of Clarks Mills, was charged with aggravated assault and other crimes for firing a .22 caliber rifle at cars from his bedroom window, state police said. A 15-year-old also was charged but his name was not released because of his age, police said.

"They started shooting at squirrels and birds and became bored and decided they should start shooting at cars," Trooper William Peterson said.

No injuries were reported.

Lackey was being held Monday in Mercer County Jail on $15,000 bond. A woman who identified herself over the telephone as Lackey's grandmother declined to comment.

On Thursday, a man from Sandy Lake reported that his wife was driving with their 7-year-old daughter when someone shot the tail light of their truck. Although police are still investigating the shooting, they believe it's related two other vehicles that were struck by gunfire on Feb. 6 and Feb. 7.

Bullets recovered from those two vehicles link the shootings to Lackey and the juvenile, Peterson said.

State police have requested that any motorists who were driving west along Route 358 between Feb. 2 and Feb. 10 to check their vehicles for damage from gunfire.

Aid to libraries not enough

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) Libraries in Blair County will soon be getting $374,700 from the state, but many directors say they still can't afford to reinstate the programs and the hours they were forced to cut when Gov. Ed Rendell announced a reduction to library aid.

Under the $1 billion tax package Rendell signed in December, the governor restored $10.1 million of the $37 million he originally cut from the library aid.

The Blair County Library System will divvy up its funding by Friday, said system administrator Timothy Salony.

The directors of a few libraries, like the Bellwood-Antis and the Williamsburg public libraries, hope to be able to buy new books and other materials with their portion of the money.

The Altoona Area Public Library will be able to buy new materials, give employees a 2 percent raise for six months and reinstate two youth programs, said executive director Deborah Weakland. But in addition to the state funding, the library received a $20,000 donation from the Friends of the Library.

Man kills ex- wife, then self

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. (AP) A retired U.S. Postal Service worker fatally shot his ex-wife and then killed himself, officials said.

A neighbor Sunday afternoon found the body of Mary Ann Gebhart, 46, on the floor of her ex-husband's apartment in Ellwood City, said Lawrence County Deputy Coroner Samuel Teolis. The woman died at the scene from gunshot wounds to her head and back, Teolis said.

Gary Gebhart, 53, shot himself in the head in his apartment, authorities said. He died Sunday evening at UPMC Presbyterian hospital in Pittsburgh, Teolis said.

Chi Chi's continues clean up

MONACA, Pa. (AP) Chi-Chi's has so far paid out less than $1 million to settle claims against the chain restaurant where the nation's largest hepatitis A outbreak occurred last fall, an official said.

About 200 of the 660 people known to have been infected in the outbreak have sought out-of-pocket reimbursements from the restaurant, and about 70 to 75 percent of those claims have been settled, according to Chi-Chi's chief operating officer Bill Zavertnik.

Zavertnik was at the Mexican restaurant at the Beaver Valley Mall on Saturday in a promotional event to get people to return. Zavertnik said business has continued to lag since the restaurant reopened in mid-January.

Chi-Chi's regulars like Penny Kaluza, 46, of Hopewell, said the outbreak hasn't deterred her and her mother, Alice Hradil, from dining at the restaurant.

"We ate here before, and we're back," Hradil said. "Right now, I would say this is the safest restaurant around, with all the inspections and everything."

The company voluntarily closed the restaurant Nov. 2 after people began falling ill. The outbreak killed three people.

NATIONAL

American missionary killed, three more injured in Baghdad attack

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) A South Kingstown missionary was shot to death and ministers from three other Northeast churches were injured when gunmen ambushed their vehicle in Iraq, family members said.

The Rev. John Kelley, 48, was killed Saturday near Baghdad when a white sedan pulled up alongside the car he was riding in and opened fire, said Roland Vukic, of Charlestown, a member of Curtis Corner Baptist Church, where Kelley was a pastor for 18 years.

Two other men - the Revs. David Davis, of the Grace Bible Baptist Church in Vernon, Conn., and Kirk DiVietro, a pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Franklin, Mass. - were injured in the attack, their families said.

A Newburgh, N.Y., minister was also wounded, according to Vukic, who said he was told of the incident in a phone call Saturday from another pastor in Iraq. The car's driver, an Iraqi, was not injured, Vukic said.

The U.S. military in Baghdad confirmed Monday that gunmen killed an American Baptist minister from Rhode Island and wounded three other pastors, but did not identify them.

"Pastor Kelley was willing to give his life so that people would hear the message that Jesus had. He was just that kind of man," Vukic said.

The ministers were part of a group of about 10 religious leaders that went to Iraq on Feb. 6 to help set up a church there, said Vukic, who is also acting as a spokesman for the Kelley family.

The ministers expected to be in the country for two weeks.

DiVietro was in the back seat of the vehicle when it was sprayed with gunfire, said his daughter, Kate Pettit, 30, of Frankin, Mass.

"He said they must've emptied two rounds into the car. Their driver then just pushed the gas and tried to get out of there," Pettit said.

She said her 51-year-old father suffered minor injuries, including cuts on his hands and head.

Davis, who has been a pastor at Grace Bible Baptist Church since 1983, also suffered minor injuries, according to his wife Dorothy.

"I talked to him Saturday and briefly this morning," she said Monday. "I don't really know all the particulars, just that it was minor."

She said her husband will be returning to Connecticut soon. Pettit said she expected her father back in Franklin on Friday.

Pettit said her father had never been to Iraq before, but had done missionary work in Jordan. The family was nervous about the security in Baghdad.

"But he wanted to do good work, so how could you stop him?" she said.

Muslim Army chaplain held in custody for 76 days on wrongful charges

WASHINGTON (AP) James Yee, a Muslim chaplain in the Army, spent 76 days in a prison cell while authorities tried to build a capital espionage case against him. Now he is free, the most serious allegations replaced by lesser ones like adultery and possession of pornography, and the military justice system itself is on trial.

Yee is due to appear Wednesday in front of a military judge in Fort Benning, Ga., for his preliminary hearing. Originally scheduled for Dec. 2, the hearing has been postponed four times - for a total of 78 days - so the Army can review classified documents in the case.

Both sides say it's possible his preliminary hearing could be delayed again.

Prosecutors aren't saying much publicly about this case, but it's apparent they are no longer pursuing charges of spying, which could carry the death penalty. Initial reports had said Yee was a target of an espionage probe at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he ministered to suspected terrorists.

"Is this guy Jack the Ripper or is he not?" asked Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps judge advocate and current adjunct law professor at Georgetown University. "You have to appreciate that at the outset they thought they were onto something very serious, but they don't seem to be able to accept the evidence that in fact this was just a garden-variety screw-up."

The only formal charges against Yee, a captainare mishandling classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer for allegedly downloading pornography on his government laptop. The last two were added since his release from the brig.

Yee previously was a chaplain at Fort Lewis, Wash., and his wife and child live in Olympia, Wash.

If court-martialed and convicted on all charges, Yee could face up to 13 years in prison. But some familiar with the military justice system insist those alone hardly ever spark this sort of examination, much less 76 days of pretrial confinement, most of it in solitude.

Solis blames prosecutorial "ineptitude" for the Yee case getting blown out of proportion and said the charges probably still haven't been dropped because of a continuing hope to "make gold out of mud."

John Fugh, a retired judge advocate general, said he fears it was more, citing Yee's combination of being both Muslim and of Chinese descent.

"If he were a white American, say a chaplain of some other denomination, I don't think this would have happened," Fugh said. "Any time you do something like this, you're bound to have some damage done to the integrity of the military justice system."

National briefs

Pie-eating contest winners

WESTAMPTON, N.J. (AP) A Maple Shade man devoured three cherry pies in 10 minutes to win the first New Jersey Presidents Day cherry pie-eating contest Monday.

Bill Howe, 30, topped a field of nine contestants at the Deerwood Country Clubs Estates community.

Howe received $500 for winning first prize. Cash prizes also went to the second place finisher, Kassiem Robinson, 32, of Mount Holly, and the third-place finisher, Ed Taboada Jr. of Easton, Pa.

The contestants received their instructions from a George Washington re-enactor, William Agress of Lawrenceville.

Hollywood legend offers advice

LOS ANGELES (AP) Veteran actor Kirk Douglas says actors should take great satisfaction in just being nominated for an Academy Award and not worry much about winning.

"The first place gets an Oscar. The four others are declared losers," Douglas wrote in an editorial page column published Monday in the Los Angeles Times.

"Why? To be voted one of five in any category should make you a winner," he said.

Douglas, 87, has appeared in 86 films and was nominated for Oscars in 1949 for "Champion," 1952 for "The Bad and the Beautiful," and 1956 for "Lust for Life." He was edged out every time.

After the 1956 Academy Awards, his family sent him an Oscar replica with the inscription "To Our Daddy, You Rate an Oscar with Us Always."

Douglas was given a lifetime achievement Oscar in 1996.

"So, I say to all the nominees in every category: Whatever happens, you are all winners," he wrote. "Keep that in mind as you sit in the audience with a weak smile, applauding someone else who has won your Oscar."

Gay rights victoires in VA

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) Gay rights proponents scored political victories Monday in the conservative-leaning House of Delegates, which last week passed a bill reaffirming the state's ban on gay marriage.

The House narrowly passed legislation that would give health insurance benefits to gay partners if they live together, but rejected a measure seeking to make state mortgage loans available only to married heterosexuals or blood relatives.

The health insurance bill, sponsored by Republican Del. James Dillard of Fairfax County, passed 50-49 with the support of numerous Republicans. The same legislation failed last year in committee.

Del. Richard Black's bill to exclude same-sex and unmarried couples from Virginia Housing Development Authority loans failed to advance on a vote of 54-44.

The state used to require borrowers to be married or related by blood before the VHDA repealed the measure last year.

Del. Terrie Suit, R-Virginia Beach, gave an impassioned speech on the floor about a single, low-income, black woman who was turned down for a loan years ago because she was trying to buy a home with her mother-in-law.

"It broke my heart," she said.

Black, R-Loudoun, has blamed lobbying by gay activists for the repeal of the VHDA's so-called "family rule" - which prompted his legislation.

Navy celebrates Mardi Gras

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) In a tradition dating back to 1898, two Navy ships with combined crews of nearly 400 sailors will arrive Thursday for Mobile's Mardi Gras.

Because of security concerns, only the smaller of the two will be open for public tours, a Port Authority spokesman said.

This year's official Mardi Gras ship, the 505-foot-long USS Stout guided missile destroyer, will be closed to the public.

The 188-foot coastal mine hunter USS Osprey is expected to arrive at Mobile Landing at 9 a.m. It will be open to the public for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. from Friday through Feb. 24, Mardi Gras Day.

The Stout is set to arrive at 10 a.m., said retired Navy Capt. Hal Pierce, Navy port coordinator.

Mobile attorney Robert Edington, a liaison between the Mobile Carnival Association, visiting Navy ships and Coast Guard cutters at Mardi Gras, said the port city's first carnival ship was the USS Detroit.

He said Navy and Coast Guard vessels have visited every year since then except during World War I and World War II.

"We have had at least one ship and as many as five ships" visit Mobile for carnival, he said.

Boaters on watch for whales

HONOLULU (AP) State and federal officials are urging Hawaii boaters to keep on the lookout for humpback whales in an effort to avoid collisions.

Boaters are also being reminded to operate their vessels at speeds of 15 knots or less in nearshore waters during the humpback season, which runs from December through April.

The advice comes from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"It's important for boaters to be extra cautious during whale season, for their own safety, as well for the whales' protection," DNLR Peter Young said this past week.

"These animals can weigh as much as 45 tons," he said. "A high-speed collision with an object so massive could have devastating consequences for all involved.

"By watching their speed and remaining extra vigilant, Hawaii's boaters can enjoy their time on the water and help us to be effective ocean stewards at the same time," Young said.

A study by the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission indicated vessel-whale collisions are much less likely when vessels are traveling 15 knots or less. The study also found that damage caused by slow-speed collisions is usually much less severe.

INTERNATIONAL

Chechnya facing questions about disappearances

GROZNY, Russia (AP) The president of war-shattered Chechnya said Monday that tracing the fate of hundreds of people gone missing during the war was a top concern, but skirted allegations that a militia under his son's command is behind many of the disappearances.

Since the beginning in 1999 of the second Chechen war in a decade, reports of disappearances have been widespread, with blame fixed variously on the republic's separatist rebels and the Russian soldiers fighting them.

So-called "mopping-up operations," in which soldiers detain young men on suspicion of rebel connections are widely feared by locals and criticized by human rights groups, saying that some people netted in the operations are never heard from again.

Since the rise of Akhmad Kadyrov, who became Chechen president in a Kremlin-backed October election, reports have spread of young men vanishing at the hands of a force run by his son, Ramzan.

Speaking to foreign journalists in the ruined Chechen capital, Kadyrov said that the disappearances "are the most painful question, and have been the most painful question since my appointment." Before his election, he had been the republic's Moscow-appointed leader.

"I will fight today and tomorrow" to clear up the disappearances he said. But he said that questions about Ramzan Kadyrov's force must be directed to his son.

Fears of the younger Kadyrov's force are cited by many of the more than 4,000 Chechen refugees living in camps in neighboring Ingushetia, who are under increasing pressure to leave the sprawling tent compounds that are a visible symbol of the Kremlin's inability to stabilize Chechnya.

The Chechen president dismissed those fears, saying "in the camps they can say what they want."

Kadyrov also promised international aid organizations that his administration would offer them "100 percent security" if they work in Chechnya. Most international aid organizations and NGOs have pulled out of Chechnya or severely curtailed operations there because of kidnappings and other security concerns.

The Kremlin, which has refused to negotiate with the rebels, is eager to portray Chechnya as stabilizing through political means including last year's presidential election and a proposed parliamentary election this year.

However, the republic remains mired in violence, with officials reporting small clashes and Russian servicemen's deaths almost daily. The Russian forces hold the north of Chechnya, but have been unable to purge the capital of rebels or drive them from camps in the rugged mountains of the south.

Russian forces withdrew from Chechnya in 1996 after a disastrous 20-month war against separatists ended in a stalemate, leaving the republic de-facto independent and largely lawless.

The Russian army swept in again in September 1999, after Chechnya-based fighters launched incursions into neighboring Dagestan and following the deaths of some 300 people in apartment bombings blamed on the separatists.

Another Iraiqi leader on the most-wanted list arrested

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A special Iraqi police unit arrested a senior Baath Party leader on the U.S. military's most-wanted list during a raid Sunday on his home in a Baghdad suburb.

The capture of Mohammed Zimam Abdul Razaq leaves only 10 top figures still at large from the list of 55 issued after the Saddam Hussein regime fell. Abdul Razaq was No. 41, and the four of spades in the military's "deck of cards" of top fugitives.

Deputy Interior Minister Ahmed Kadhum Ibrahim touted the arrest as evidence that the still-rebuilding Iraqi police force "can be depended upon in the fight against terrorism" - looking to give his troops a boost a day after police in the turbulent city of Fallujah were overwhelmed by dozens of gunmen in one of the best organized guerrilla attacks yet.

U.S. officials gave conflicting reports Sunday on whether foreign fighters or Saddam loyalists carried out the bold, daytime assault on the Fallujah police station.

International briefs

Iraqi police honored

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence paid tribute Monday to the hundreds of Iraqi police killed by insurgents in suicide bombings, shootings and other attacks.

The delegation, including Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., visited Baghdad's police academy and laid a wreath in honor of the fallen policemen Monday to pay their respects to Iraqi police killed on the job.

Hundreds of Iraqi police stood by as the delegation arrived under heavy security. Members shook hands with some of the officers following the ceremony.

Others in the delegation led by Rep. Sherwood L. Boehlert, R-N.Y., included Rep. Jane Harmon, D-Calif.; Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich.; and Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md.

Rep. John E. Sweeney, R-N.Y., was in the delegation but is not a committee member.

Brits to build Clinton library

LONDON (AP) A British company has won a 500,000 pound (US$946,000) contract to build cabinets for former U.S. President Bill Clinton's presidential library, an official said Monday.

Netherfield Visuals will build 85 glass cabinets to display the archives of the 42nd American president.

The William J. Clinton Center is scheduled to open late this year in Clinton's home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, and showcase the legacy of the Clinton administration.

"We are absolutely delighted, and it is a very prestigious contract to win," said Jim Stewart, managing director of Netherfield Visuals. "We've come from humble beginnings in our chairman's back garden to an internationally renowned company."

To fulfill the order, Netherfield will be working with its New Jersey-based distributor Maltbie Inc., and the project designers, Ralph Appelbaum Associates of New York, he said.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, a friend of Clinton, is expected to attend the official opening of the library in November.

Netherfield Visuals Chairman Raymond Chaplin started the company 30 years ago in a shipping container in his garden.

Today, the specialist manufacturer employs 26 people.

Its cases are used to display everything from ancient Egyptian artifacts to stuffed mammals in museums across the world, including the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

Journalist released from jail

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) A Lebanese journalist accused of collaborating with Israel was released from prison Monday after serving a 30-month sentence, security officials said.

Antoine Bassil was hugged by his wife, two children and other relatives and friends upon his release from the Roumieh prison east of Beirut.

"I feel like one who is coming out of a coma," a smiling Bassil told reporters.

Bassil, who worked for a pro-Israeli television station during Israel's occupation of south Lebanon, was arrested in a two-week security crackdown in August 2001 that netted about 250 Christian activists opposed to Syria's military presence in Lebanon.

He was charged with contacting Israel, meeting Israeli officials and harming Lebanon's relations with Syria, the dominant foreign power in Lebanon with some 25,000 troops stationed in the country.

Bassil was initially sentenced to four years in prison but that was later commuted to 30 months.

Israel withdrew its troops from south Lebanon after an 18-year occupation in May 2000 but the two countries remain technically at war and any contact with Israel is considered a crime punishable by law.

MIA body found in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) The suspected remains of an American soldier killed in northeastern Cambodia during the Vietnam War were flown Monday to Hawaii, officials said.

A U.S. military transport plane left Phnom Penh International Airport with the remains of the unidentified soldier. They will be evaluated at an identification laboratory in Hawaii, said U.S. Embassy spokesman David Gainer.

The remains were found last week by a 26-member U.S. recovery team at a former battle site in Mondulkiri province, about 160 miles northeast of Phnom Penh.

U.S. ground troops fought inside eastern Cambodia for several months in 1970, while U.S. Air Force flew bombing and support missions over the country from 1970-73.

On Monday, about three dozen American soldiers and Cambodians who helped the recovery team attended a ceremony to transfer the soldier's remains, which were in a gray coffin draped with an American flag.

Since the Vietnam War's end in 1975, the United States has resolved the cases of more than 700 Americans missing from the fighting, which took place in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

More than 1,800 Vietnam War-era U.S. service members are still listed as missing in action, with 55 Americans remain unaccounted for in Cambodia.

Each year, more than 700 U.S. specialists take part in MIA searches in the three countries of Indochina, conducting archival research and field work.

Turkey looking to join EU

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday dismissed a suggestion by Germany's conservative opposition leader that predominantly Muslim Turkey should be granted special status with the European Union instead of full membership.

Angela Merkel, the leader of Germany's Christian Democrats, held talks in the Turkish capital with Erdogan and other Turkish leaders focusing on Turkey's EU bid.

Turkey, the bloc's only predominantly Muslim candidate, wants to secure a date by the end of the year for talks aimed at eventual membership in the EU. Erdogan's government has made eventual EU membership its top priority.

Instead of full membership, Merkel said the bloc should grant Turkey "a privileged partnership." Erdogan objected.

"Something like that is definitely not on our agenda. That's out of question," he said at a joint news conference.

The Christian Democrats argue that Turkey's EU full membership would overburden the EU culturally and economically, and have made the prospect of Turkish EU entry a theme in this year's European Parliament elections.

Germany's Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has expressed support for Turkey's EU bid.

Earlier, in an interview with Germany's ZDF television, Merkel said, "Of course, Turkey has European prospects."

But Merkel noted that EU finances were tight. "It's clear what it would mean if 25 million Turkish farmers were added to that," she said.

SPORTS

Titan swimmers finish big at PAC championships

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

From February 12th to the 14th, the Westminster men and women's swim teams competed in the President's Athletic Conference championship meet, held at Grove City College.

The women's team earned their second consecutive PAC crown, while the men finished second behind the host Grove City.

"We really dominated the meet - both men and women," head coach Rob Klamut said. "If you look at the medal count (gold, silver, bronze) we totally dominated and if you combine the scores - we came out on top."

The women's team tallied 798 team points to earn the crown. Washington & Jefferson, Grove City, and Bethany, who scored 751, 707, and 98, respectively, followed them.

The Grove City Wolverines paced the men with 799 points. The Titans tallied 716. W&J posted 601, while Bethany finished last with 306.

A pair of Titans earned PAC awards for their efforts.

For his efforts both during the season and throughout the PAC championships, Klamut earned PAC women's coach of the year laurels.

Freshman Ryan Trunk earned PAC Swimmer of the Year honors by tying for the Most Points Scored in the event. Trunk was proud of his teammates and their second place finish because in terms of numbers, Westminster was out-manned.

"With only twelve [male] swimmers, compared to the 18 of other teams, we were able to win all five relays, as well as place first in 12 out of 18 individual events," Trunk said of his teams accomplishments.

For the women, three Lady Titans posted individual victories in the competition. Sophomore Megan Sweithelm captured the 200-backstroke crown, while freshmen Sara Bonchosky and Emily Staniszewski captured the 100 freestyle and 200 breaststroke victories, respectively.

The women's 400 freestyle relay team of Bonchosky, seniors Katie Alukonis and Brittany Jardine, and freshman Megan McCaughlin captured the PAC victory.

For the men, sophomore Andy Hudak captured the 200-breaststroke victory. Hudak was joined by teammates, freshmen Pat Smith and Trunk as PAC champions. Smith earned gold in the 200 backstroke, while Trunk captured the 100 freestyle win.

Like the women, the men also brought home gold in the 400 freestyle relay. The team consisted of Trunk, Hudak, along with sophomores B.J. Sieg and Nate Horrell.

This is the second consecutive year that the Titans have performed well in PAC competition. Last season, each squad captured the PAC crown.

Under Coach Klamut, Westminster consistently fields competitive teams and this season was no different. He attributes Westminster's successes to the team's determination and heart.

When asked about the future of Westminster swimming, Trunk responded with the same determination and heart that Klamut attributes to Westminster's success.

"I fully expect that we will win PACS for the next three years. We have a very strong swim program now, and it will only get stronger," Trunk said.

Although the team portion of the 2003-2004 campaign is over, several Titans will be competing on Saturday, February 21st at the Case Western Reserve University Veale Classic. The Veale Classic is the last opportunity for Titan swimmers to earn a spot in the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships.

photo by Willis Bretz

The women's swim team took their second consecutive PAC championship title.

WC Sports briefs

Women's Basketball

The Women's basketball team surged into sole possession of second place in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) with a pair of league victories this week. The Lady Titans recorded a 74-64 win at Grove City on Wednesday before running their winning streak to four games on Saturday with a 68-44 home decision over Waynesburg.

Freshman guard Desiree Sterling led four double-digit scorers with a career-high 21 points in the Grove City win on Wednesday. After a slow start, the two teams played evenly for much of the first half before Westminster closed the period with a 13-3 run over the final 6:23, turning a 17-16 GCC lead into a 29-20 Westminster halftime advantage.

The run was capped by junior guard Alyson Gasper banking in a 50-foot three-pointer from just across midcourt as the halftime horn sounded. The Lady Titans quickly took control of the game in the second period, opening the half with a 14-3 run to take a 20-point advantage. Westminster led by 21 late when the Lady Wolverines made a furious comeback, going on a23-9 run to cut the lead to seven points (68-61) with 44 seconds left. GCC would get no closer, however, as Gasper drained all six of her free throw attempts in the final 42 seconds to clinch the PAC win. Sterling shot 9-of-14 from the field for Westminster, while adding a team- and career-high three blocked shots.

Junior forward Erica Tallo added her 12th double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Gasper finished with her second double-double of the capaign, posting 11 points and 10 boards while adding a game-high six steals. Freshman guard Rachel Eaton rounded out the double-figure scorers for the Lady Titans with 10 markers. Grove City was paced by Abby Moose with team-high totals of 18 points and five assists.

Sterling again led the way in the Waynesburg victory, as she bucketed a game-high 17 points .

Westminster never trailed in the contest, as the Lady Titans jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead, then broke a 7-7 tie by going on a 17-0 run over a span of 6:53 to take a 24-7 lead with 5:54 to play in the first half.

Westminster built the lead to 21 points (38-17) at halftime and was never threatened in the second period, as the Lady Titans led by as many as 33 points (61-28 with 6:31 to play) en route to the conference win. In addition to Sterling, junior forwards Mary Jane Eaton and Tallo added 13 and 11 points, respectively, in the victory, with Eaton also hauling in a team-best nine rebounds as the Lady Titans outrebounded Waynesburg 40-30. Gasper added game-high totals of six assists and five steals for Westminster. Waynesburg was paced by Steph Petchel with 12 points off the bench.

Indoor Track & Field

Indoor track & field team competed this weekend at the Baldwin-Wallace College Indoor Invitational in Berea, Ohio.

A quartet of Titan sprinters placed at the event. Senior Matt Steve led the way for Westminster by placing second in the 300 meter dash (37.88) and tied for fifth in the 55 meterdash (6.85). Other finishers included senior Nick Fritch, who was ninth in the 300 meter dash (39.44) and 16th in the 55 meter dash (7.17); junior Scott Froelich, who finished 13th in the 55 meter dash in 7.08; and junior Justin Martinchek, who placed 15th in the 55 meter dash in 7.15.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 21
10:00 am M&W Swimming @ Case Western Reserve Veale Classic
M&W Indoor Track and Field @ Kent State Invitational
2:00 pm W Basketball @ Bethany
4:00 pm M Basketball @ Bethany
PCMEA Variety Show Auditions
9:00 pm Campus Dance (sponsored by Browne Hall Residence Life) — MCC Club and Berlin Lounge
10:45 pm Buses Leave for Night Owl Bowling in Sharon, PA (Depart from Campus Center Entrance, Shaw Side)

Sunday, February 22
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers — Chapel
Rev. Jim Mohr will be installed as Chaplain.
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Chapel Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm W.A.I.L. (Westminster Alliance for Innocent Life) Meeting — MCC 255

Monday, February 23
3:00 pm Student Ensemble Recital — Chapel
4:00 pm Allies Meeting — PH 311
5:30 pm Meet Mortar Board — MCC Club/Lounge
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon
9:30 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, February 24
12:30 - 2:00 pm Career Center's Internship Day — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
M & W Basketball @ PAC Tournament
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 pm Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Wednesday, February 25
Ash Wednesday
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Joe Balczon, "The Green Campus" – MCC 219
5:00 pm Seekers Concert Committee — MCC 352
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — Club Room

Thursday, February 26
12:45 pm All-Campus Meeting — Beeghly Theater
M&W Basketball @ PAC Tournament
5:00 pm Seekers Fellowship Exec. Committee Meeting — MCC 352
5:00 pm For Seniors Only Dinner — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
5:30 pm College Republicans Meeting — TC 210
6:30 pm SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
9:30 pm Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Clocks? What clocks?

Can we offer a new course, driving 101? Or at least "How to Park"?

I have used an entire box of tissues today. Winter needs to stop.

No, you can't warm your noodles in my microwave.

Art is an addiction.

You're in my class?

Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.

Someone should sue General Clark for dropping out of the Democratic race.

Why is everyone here so engagement happy?

Wah Mee

Get out of my mustard 'cause you can't ketchup

Total Domination!

Rocky Balboa for president!

Using scissors and tape makes me feel like an El. Ed. major. Except I'm not.

His milkshake is better than yours.

San Dimas football rules!

I still don't have my umbrella.

Mardi Gras! Only it should be Vendredi Gras at this school.

Mmmm, vintage hot dogs...

Good things come to obsessive-compulsives who fixate.

It's Shake 'n Bake. And I helped.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Where does our money go?

Pennsylvania: Home of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Philadelphia cheese steak, the Hershey chocolate capital of the world, the nation's youngest mayor and the second costliest universities in the U.S.

That's right. Students attending Pennsylvania's public universities have suffered through tuition increases that have raised the costs of their educations by 70 percent since 1995. And now a new survey has moved Pennsylvania into second place from third last year as a result of tuition and fee increases averaging almost 10 percent across the state-related universities.

Students from schools such as Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, Lincoln University and Temple have all felt the strain this year from tuition increases. And though Westminster is not directly affected by the high costs initiated by the state, "tuition increase" is not an unfamiliar term to our students.

President Williamson proposed a plan last semester to increase tuition in gradual increments during the next four years.

So as the Keystone state empties its pockets in the name of higher education, for state universities and private colleges alike, students and parents must ask themselves: Are we noticing a visible difference?

We keep shelling out the money to these schools, but where exactly is that money going? Have we witnessed a drastic improvement along with our sky high tuitions, or are we just paying more money for an education that basically remains the same in terms of value?

We will admit that the complaint "I pay $26,000 to go to this school, shouldn't my (insert noun: dorm room, Internet hook-up, meal, etc.) not (insert verb: smell, suck, make me angry)?" is the most overused phrase at Westminster.

For the money Pennsylvania schools rake in, we should be reclining in leather chairs and sipping on brandy during class lectures. Or we should at least be satisfied with the quality we receive in return for the money we pay.

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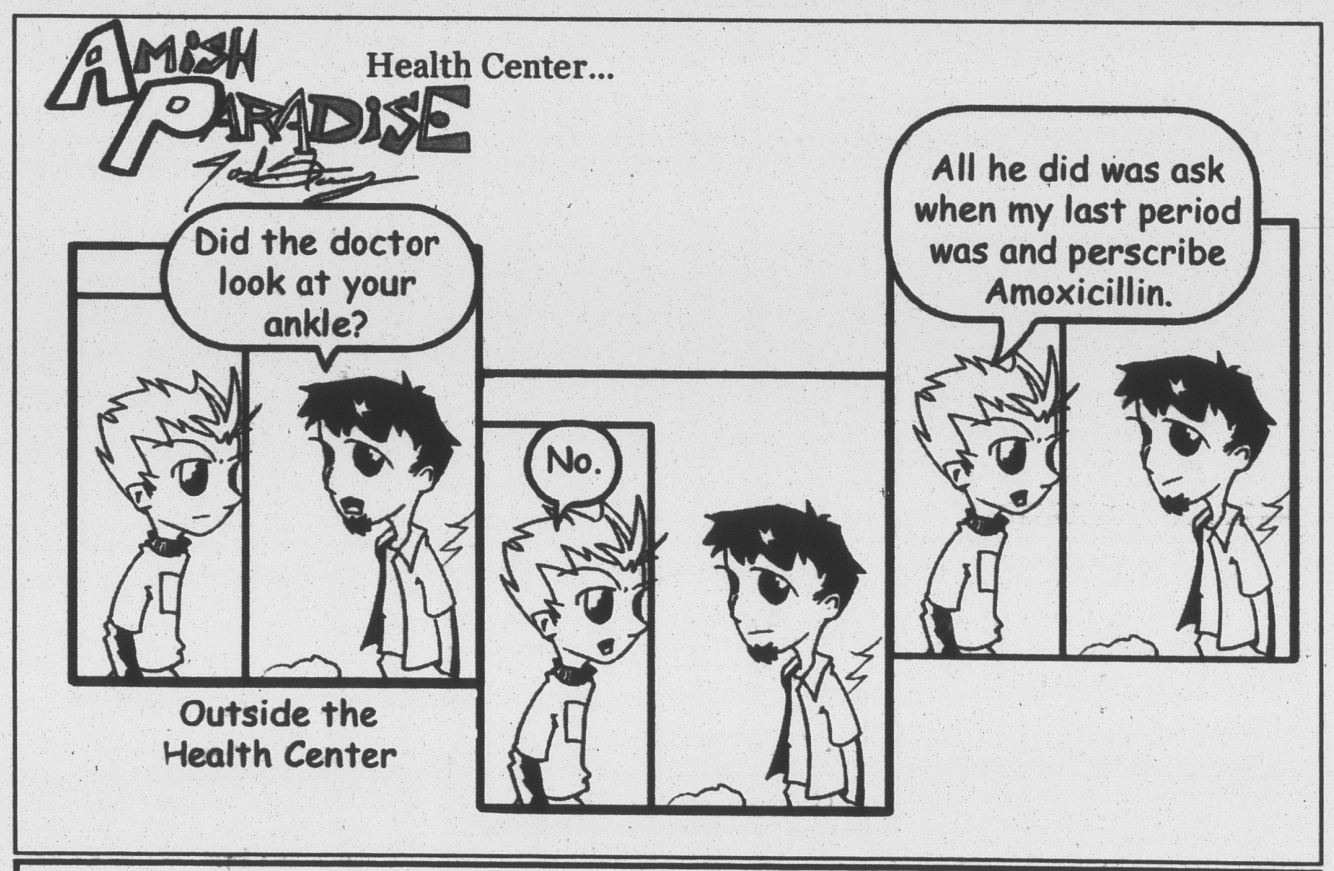
But we do have the right to know where our money is going! And we do have the right to know how our tuition fees will directly result in a difference in our educational experience.

So communicate with us. Don't entertain us with vague rehearsed explanations. We know it's true that our tuition doesn't pay for Tony Danza to sing and dance in Orr or pay to build brand new campus centers. But how is the student body supposed to know these things if you, the administration, don't tell us? If we were aware of where the money comes from to fund campus projects and where the money we pay goes each semester, complaining would be reduced and rumors would be quelched. And if our students were told about the ungodly sums of money put in the hands of student-run organizations such as the SGA and CPC, students might actually begin to care. They may perk up during the next SGA senator election and try to become involved on campus to make their money go the distance. Just talk to us. And you may be surprised.



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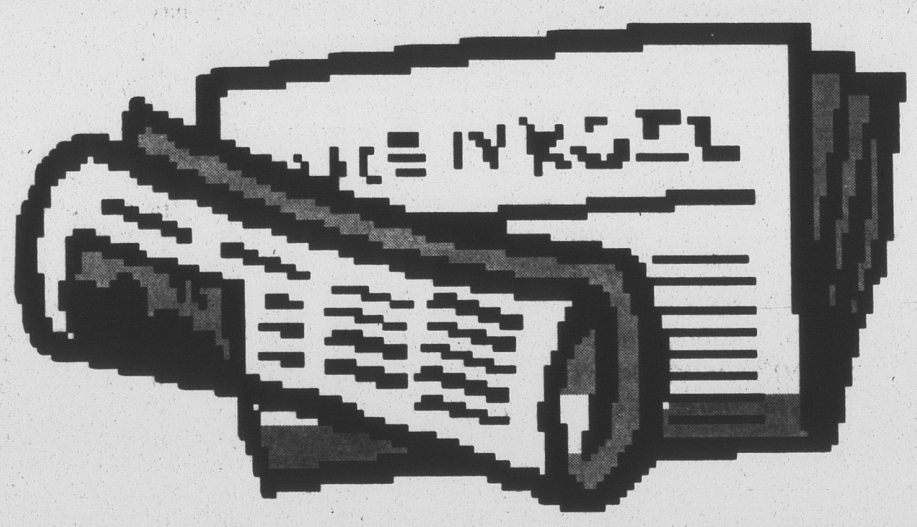

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Miracle

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Aside from maybe a couple of fifth year seniors, no student on campus was alive to see the "miracle on ice" from the Lake Placid Olympic Games. Few from the area know much about hockey other than the Penguin's back to back Stanley Cups in the early 90's. Or the current losing streak that they're on. Still hockey has existed long before these current times. Movies for the most part, however, have taken the sport and exploited it, whether for the violence and fighting in Slap Shot or exploiting the rules of the game to create the "Flying V" of the Mighty Ducks (isn't that like 10 feet offsides?!). As a result, the hockey genre of movies has become silly and instantly assumed to be a typical sappy sports movie. So what happens when an important piece of history, which always makes for a good story, revolves around the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team?

Well that depends on the screenplay, directing and acting. And luckily for Miracle's case, all are on the top of their game. The film centers on Herb Brooks, the newly hired U.S. Olympic Hockey Coach putting together his team of hopefuls. At this time, U.S. hockey was struggling for any respect and the Soviet team was undefeated and unstoppable for over a decade. This is definitely not something that Americans wish to see in the middle of the Cold War. However, Brooks is determined to create a unified team that can challenge the Soviets and earn respect for American hockey, not politics.

Kurt Russell, as Herb Brooks, is the perfect synthesis of the ideal hockey coach, barking out drills and molding twenty young men into a team to be reckoned with. His performance is easily the best of his career. Russell picks up the accent, emotions, ferocity, and even the hair to create the spitting image of the late Herb Brooks. This goes far beyond imitation, as Russell becomes the character and we see through every facial expression exactly what he is thinking. Once known for wise cracks, Russell shows some true dramatic talent. In addition, the supporting cast of this film is equally commendable to its success, especially every one of those hockey players. Mostly unknown actors, many in their first roles, these young men portray the legend that this team would become. Even strong support from current Oscar-nominee Patricia Clarkson, as Brooks' supportive wife, brings another dimension to this film.

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Directed by relative newcomer Gavin O'Connor, we can see that he did not take this as lightly as one would expect. Each scene is crafted well, allowing the shots to focus in and out of Herb as we learn more and more about his intentions. However, it is in the hockey scenes themselves that O'Connor's direction shines.

Moving in and out of long and close shots and even featuring an "in the action" camera, as seen in Ali and Raging Bull, O'Connor makes the audience feel as if they are more than just in the action but that they are participating in the miracle on ice themselves. This personal connection with the game play and the team is what makes this movie special, for we are all a part of the miracle, it truly was Team U.S.A.

Another strong asset for this picture is its depiction of the game of hockey itself. Often times, hockey is generalized as violent, bloody, and immature. However, true hockey fans will vehemently deny these claims and this movie proves that the actual game is the excitement and not the violence. As a movie unto itself, we give Miracle an A- however, in comparison to other generic sports movies that are recycled (Juwana Mann, anyone?) this film is a definite A and should be considered an example of what a sports movie should be about. Miracle shoots and scores!

Reality TV really does need to get real

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

When I took on the position of A&E editor, I swore to myself I would never write about reality TV. Well, I lied. It's not what you think, though. I'm really not a huge fan of this so-called unscripted TV movement, unless someone's getting a makeover, 24 hours to redo a room in a neighbor's house, or if the Donald is hiring.

I have a hard time calling something 'reality' when in all honesty there isn't too much that's real about it. What are the chances of being marooned on an island in the South Pacific Ocean and getting to vote people off? I think the people getting voted off are the real winners. They get to go home, shower, and eat a tub of peanut butter. Yes, the sole survivor gets a million bucks. But do real shipwrecked castaways get millions for staying on the island? Unless you're Tom Hanks, then no.

I think the dating-based shows are the worst of the bunch. The producers are manipulating the very fragile emotions associated with falling in love – don't we do enough of that on our own? A huge for instance is FOX's My Big, Fat, Obnoxious Fiancé. That girl has gotten herself caught up in lying to her parents about the supposed love of her life, while the man pretending to be her fiancé is really an actor being paid to be the biggest jerk ever.

And I think the key word in that last sentence is 'paid'. So much of this nonsense is done for money. Did anyone not see the great late-80s flick "Can't Buy Me Love," starring the adorable Patrick Dempsey? Money and love should not mix in that way. Plain and simple.

Money and instant fame are huge motivators with these shows, it's true. But if you're so desperate, go on a game show like Jeopardy. Those contestants get a couple thousand dollars for being geniuses. It's a total revenge of the nerds deal.

Did anyone not see the great late-80s flick "Can't Buy Me Love," starring the adorable Patrick Dempsey? Money and love should not mix in that way. Plain and simple.

Mtv is the number one abuser of the unscripted show. Okay, Viva La Bam is hilarious. But do you really think that show is completely real? No way. Jose.

My least favorite is Boiling Points. Who decided that making a fool of some unsuspecting schmuck is good family fun? While Punk'd was along those same lines, Ashton Kutcher made fun of celebrities – people who are already in the limelight and are used to weird crap happening to them.

And of course, there's the granddaddy of it all, The Real World. That show has gotten less and less real as the seasons have progressed. We all remember the first season in New York City. Seven very diverse, 'normal' people living in a normal sized apartment for that number of tenants. Realistic arguments for the time period. People brought pets, dealt with significant others, had outside jobs, and balanced the fish bowl existence with their own real worlds.

Now, we have seven beautiful people who all have some sort of emotional baggage living in a gorgeous house/loft in a nice part of town. They have their hands held through jobs that a monkey could do and argue about things that have been brought up every single season. Can I get a nice place to live with no rent and an easy job just for being me? I didn't think so.

On the other hand, there are some saving graces to the genre. Like anything on TLC. I'd like to believe that those shows, like Trading Spaces, While You Were Out, and For Better or For Worse are closer to reality. I'm not saying they're 100% unfabricated, but the situations are more likely to happen. People get married, redecorate, and have babies everyday. TLC guides and compresses the process, then tapes it for prosperity.

Before you all start throwing stones, I also understand why so many like these shows. We like conflict when it isn't us, we like to see nice things happen to good people and bad things happen to meanies, and we use it as a gauge to reassure ourselves that our lives aren't that bad. But mostly we think "that could be me."

Bottle of Justus: Band on the rise makes a stop at WC

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

Modern Pop/Rock band Bottle of Justus will perform at the college this weekend as part of our annual Mardi Gras celebration. They will play in the Berlin Student Lounge at 10 PM this Friday. Comedy Hypnotist and Magician Mike Lee will open the show at 9 PM.

You can currently hear two Bottle of Justus songs, Wake Up and Try it Again at night on Titan Radio 88.9 FM, the songs were debuted on my Sunday night new music show this past weekend.

The story of Bottle of Justus dates back to late 1997 when four college students named Chris and Joe Quinlan (twin brothers), Jeff Johnson, and Erik Bogdonas met at Illinois State University. Initially, the band played fraternity parties for free beer. Eventually, their name became a mainstay on campus and popularity of the band had grown beyond the campus.

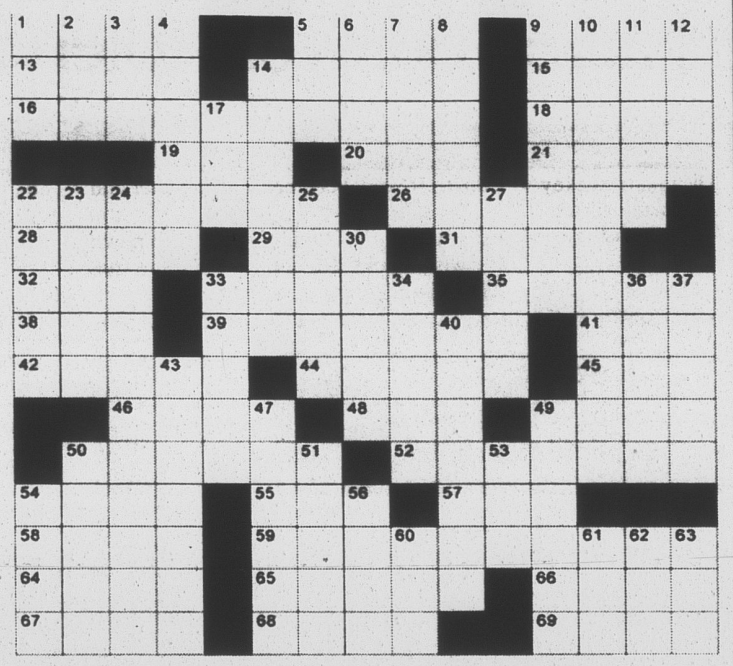
The band recorded a low budget CD in 1999 called Sunday Midwestern Afternoon. The CD sold out in six months. In early 2001, they released a more polished CD called America Cries. The single Caroline is Waiting garnered success at commercial and college radio stations across the nation.

Their latest release titled On Air was recorded in Birmingham, AL and produced by Jason Elgin who has also produced records for Creed and Collective Soul. The catchy single Try It Again has received numerous amount of radio airplay and is featured on the soundtrack for the movie Winter Break.

Crossword 101

Star Crossed

By Ed Canty



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1 Daytime TV offering
5 Popular 80s band
9 Scandinavian capital
13 Sole
14 Sandbar
15 Shoulder piece at times
16 Star opposite 59 Across
18 Something to pitch
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20 Part of a relay race
21 G.M. staple
22 Pecans' cousins
26 Without flair
28 Howard or Smith
29 "____ Sam,":Penn movie
31 Gen. Robert _____
32 Spoil
33 Nation of _____
35 Meeting of lovers
38 Superlative suffix
39 Mass. vacation site
41 People of Southeast Asia
42 Diamond and Armstrong
44 Engine
45 Bruins' Bobby
46 "What's in a _____..."
48 Org. of 45 Across
49 Tiny flier
50 Give one's blessing
52 Mud-filled depressions
54 Crowd noises
55 Goal
57 Providence sch.
58 Switch ending
59 Star opposite 16 Across
64 Make a hole
65 It may be present or past
66 Pad _____
67 Carpenter and others
68 Ms., in Tijuana
69 Football measure

Down

1 Cry
2 It can follow twelve?
3 PC key
4 "Monty _____"
5 Sound at the dentist's office
6 Turn to steam
7 Lured
8 Porto _____, Brazil
9 Month to turn clocks back
10 Star opposite 24 Down
11 Old-time dance
12 Chooses
14 Meatball or fish
17 "Hither and _____."
22 Madison Ave. workers
23 A signed document
24 Star opposite 10 Down
25 Witch trial site
27 Modify
30 Georgia city
33 Response to "Who's there?"
34 Trig. and Geom.
36 Mother of Isaac
37 Civil wrongs
40 Litter
43 Cowboy tools
47 Makes official
49 One's conscience, maybe
50 Hank or Burr
51 Mason
53 Seer's medium, often
54 Ms. McEntire
56 Coin
60 Part of Defense Dept.
61 Exclamation of discovery
62 Dealer or alarm preceder
63 Baby goat

Quotable Quote

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.

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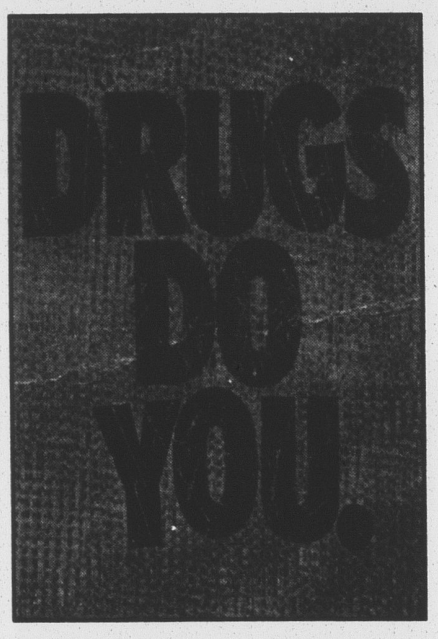


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move for you in the very near future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance; take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may not be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Juggle your funds to the best of your abilities; you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will probably be quite costly. Emphasize what you have in your life that brings you enjoyment and satisfaction.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuitive hunches are right on, so don't justify them away. Emotions which have been held in check for some time need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion - things aren't so bad.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. Is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

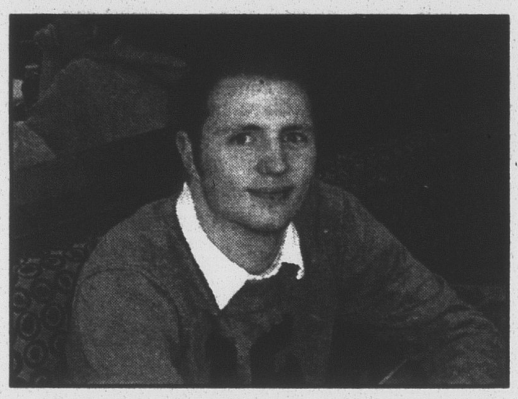
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace - you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

FEATURE

Question of the week: Have you ever stolen anything?



"I almost, accidentally stole a free ride on the subway in New York City, but I got caught by some Transit Authority people disguised as bums."
- Bob Allen, junior

"Eddie Morales' car."
- Jeff Quinn, freshman

"A shirt from the Salvation Army."
- Lauren Anderson, junior

"I don't think I've stolen anything other than make-up from Phar-Mor." - Danielle Gorley, sophomore

" Height measuring signs from Kennywood." - Amanda Ventrone, junior

"I steal menus all the time from restaurants." - Charlie Judge, freshman

"Cable." - Dave Eberle, junior

"A traffic cone, just last night." - Jimmy Connell, sophomore

" A pack of gum, but I felt so bad I almost took it back." - Amber McClausin, freshman

What's my topic again?

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Slacker

I don't need to write this yet. I've got plenty of time! A whole week, even. I know I said I'd not put it off this week, but I can afford to take the night off. A midnight King's run just seems a lot more important right now. I'll work on it tomorrow, I promise.

What was that? My article? Oh, don't worry, I've got a topic idea. It won't be a problem this week, really. Not to mention, who cares if it's a little late, as long as it gets in on time? Maybe I can get an extension...I was up really late last night, after all, and it's a little hard to stay awake to type. I could always say I was job-hunting online or something...yeah, that'd work. Just got to make sure I make the deadline eventually.

Wait. The deadline was yesterday?

Shoot.

Well, maybe I can throw something together. I'm pretty good at this. Once I get a stream of consciousness going, I can keep writing forever and a day. The tricky part is to not bore people. Hm. It might also help to have a topic. Yeah, I really need a topic.

What can I talk about? Politics? Yuck, no way. I can't stand that stuff normally, I don't know how I'd write an entire article on it. That's why people like Drew really impress me. They could talk forever about those sort of things. I just kind of ramble until I lose interest. Okay, okay, back to topic ideas.

It's not really my place to do a lot of complaining about things on campus or even in the nation...what else could I write on? I'd love to just sit and talk about my major for an hour, but I'm absolutely sure that people would fall over asleep if I wrote about that.

What do people like to read about? Drama, I guess. Controversy, more likely. I don't want to get too controversial, though. There's that whole thing about the second section of Inquiry getting removed. But I really liked that second semester of Inquiry, and I know that the majority of campus doesn't agree with me on that. That's almost too tough of a sell to even consider.

Procrastination is a long word. Does it have any synonyms? Put off, delay, postpone, adjourn, dally, drag your feet, defer...wow, there are a lot of them.

Man, I hate last-minute rushes like this one. I'm going to be on the ball next week - that's right, I'll have my article in early, even! A whole day early, if not sooner. In fact, I'll write it tomorrow. I'll just have to find a topic...wait, what am I saying? I have to have a topic for today first!

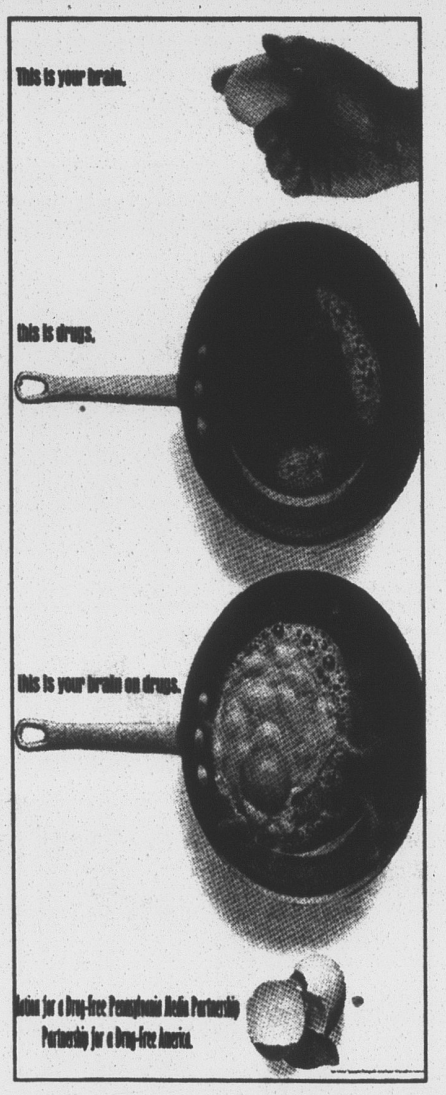
I know! I could write about procrastination! But wait...that was my very first article last semester. I really need to make sure it's not a repeat of that. Granted, that was about procrastinating in getting a job, and this could be more about procrastination in general...hm. Procrastination is a long word. Does it have any synonyms? Put off, delay, postpone, adjourn, dally, drag your feet, defer...wow, there are a lot of them.

Great, now I'm procrastinating by finding synonyms for the word procrastinate. I've officially reached a new low.

All right, back on track, Carolyn. You can do this. Just sit down and type. There you go, words are coming just they way they're supposed to. Uh-oh. It's coming out a little more personal than I wanted it to. Well, better to just roll with it. Maybe it'll all come out okay after all.

There we go! All done. Shorter than last week's article, but that just happens sometimes. At least it's something to turn in, right?

And you know what? Next week, I'm going to be a new girl. Changed, I tell you! I'll have it in on time - no, early! It'll be early, I swear. I'll start on it tomorrow, I promise. Well...maybe not tomorrow...but it can wait a day, right?



No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: Capital Punishment

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

The death penalty, one of the staples of determining what party you belong to. Are you against it? Well, you must be liberal. You're for it? You're a conservative. Now, there are always some exceptions, but it's generally a deciding factor. In the middle you say? Can't decide how you feel about the death penalty? Let's explore the dynamics.

Let's first dive into the reasons why we would even use the death penalty. Going back into history, there was the common law of "An eye for an eye." Basically, if you committed a crime, your punishment was your action done onto you. It was a very effective law back in the day, keeping violent crimes to a minimum. Now I'm not advocating a law such as this in the US, (they cut off criminals' hands for stealing, a little harsh) but the general idea is quite applicable: higher penalties tend to deter violent crimes. Most people value their lives over anything else, so threatening it would certainly make anyone think twice before committing a murder. Many critics would argue that the death penalty is petty revenge carried out by the government. However, I would argue that the government is only holding to its duty of protecting its innocent citizens. How would you feel if your mother was brutally murdered, and the perpetrator only got limited time in prison, which usually ends early through parole? You'd be pretty mad at Uncle Sam.

And as always, there's the economic advantage to it (You're complaining about the economy now, so listen up). The alternative to the death penalty, life in prison, is one of the most costly endeavors the government could partake in. It costs millions of dollars each year across the country to house these inmates. And guess what happens when they spend years in prison? They get old. Now we, the taxpayers, get to pay for their healthcare as well! Yay! Last year it cost $20 million to pay for these elderly inmates' medical costs alone. Why are we taking care of the people who had no qualms taking away the lives of our loved ones? You want to talk about spending taxpayers' money on outlandish projects, well here's a perfect example. Economic ridiculousness aside, life in prison isn't the horror it used to be. With satellite television, full basketball and tennis courts, and various leisure activities, the big house might as well be called "Big Pimpin." Many people now commit crimes just to get into jail paradise. Willing to send them to jail now?

But what about "cruel and unusual punishment", doesn't the death penalty fall under this constitutionally-banned practice? Not really, considering that most states use lethal injection, a virtually painless process (you're given an injection to sleep before you're given the injection that kills you, feeling nothing). There's nothing "cruel" about dying peacefully. Besides, I'm sure these criminals didn't kill their victims with such tenderness and care.

So in this world of violence and cruelty, the death penalty seems to be the perfect solution. It fights crime, is economically sound, and it sends the appropriate message to criminals. I support the death penalty with all my heart; my compassionate, conservative heart, that is.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

This week Jess and I have decided to bring up the controversial subject of "capital punishment" aka "the death penalty". The above quote was used for two reasons. The first reason was to poke a little more fun at our "compassionate' president. The second, however, is to show one of my first points in my argument against the death penalty.

George and many conservatives argue that the death penalty eliminates only the most vile and clearly guilty offenders in the prison ranks. This is not all-together true, as recent studies conducted by the American Civil Liberties Union reveal, that in the past 30 years more than 100 death row inmates have been exonerated thanks to new technologies; such as DNA testing. While this number may not seem high, I ask you to consider the whether these lives are expendable so that we may sate our blood lust. Additionally, it must be pointed out that the majority of those exonerated were done so because of DNA testing or another party admitting guilt; not because of loop-holes in the system.

Additionally, it must be noted that whether the death penalty is received is not always based on the facts or the evidence of the case, but rather how much money a defendant has. Those who are poor are often poorly represented at their trials; while those with wealth are able to afford the best of defense. Statistics show a direct correlation between poor defendants and death penalty sentences. In some cases, specifically in Texas, state appointed lawyers for the poor where known to literally sleep through a defendants trial (many of these defendants received the death penalty). Do we think that only the rich deserve effective representation in court? If you truly believe that all people should be treated fairly before the law; then you must concede that the death penalty discriminates against poor defendants.

Also in terms of discrimination, unfortunately minorities are disproportionately represented through capital punishment. To date, 43% of those executed in the USA have been of color, while 55% currently on death row are of various minorities. We can all agree that minorities certainly don't make up half of the US population; but then why are they so unevenly represented by capital punishment? So not only does the death penalty potentially discriminate based on one's socio-economic status, but perhaps their ethnicity as well. Wow, what a great system.

Perhaps my greatest argument for conservatives who are still unconvinced by the gaping problems with capital punishment lies in our comparison to the rest of the world. The United States is one of the only industrialized, highly-developed nations in the world that still allows capital punishment. When we allow the death penalty, we join with such fine nations as Iran, China, North Korea and Iraq. That's right ladies and gentlemen, we have something in common with Iraq.

In the end, the death penalty is an inhuman and unfair form of punishment. It is irrevocable and can be inflicted upon innocent people. For those of us who are Christians, it goes against the very nature of what we believe in. And for those concerned with more earthly matter, it should be mentioned that studies have shown that capital punishment is no true deterrence to violent crime.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Presidents' Day

by Drew Huston
News Editor

This college has a lot of policies that I agree with. However, this college also has a lot of policies that I don't necessarily agree with. One of those policies is our consistent ignoring of national holidays. Well, except one. My angry articles for the past couple of weeks have been rather sedate - sometimes, they've been more complimentary than angry. That's good - I don't want to be seen as someone who complains all the time, or as someone who only sees the negative aspects of a situation. I can be pessimistic, but I can also be quite optimistic and even idealistic, if the situation arises. However, this national holiday thing really burns me, and has burned me since I got here four years ago.

First of all, let's look at the national holidays we celebrate by being given time off. There's Thanksgiving, which we get a few days of vacation for. Then there's Christmas, for which we get a whopping five weeks or more of vacation. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is taken off, though it could be argued that our Christmas break just happens to end just after that holiday. After that, we get Easter off, and that about does it, folks. Yes, we get a fall and a spring break, but what about the national holidays? They don't count? They aren't as important?

A few years ago, the campus was issued a survey that, for all intents and purposes, was biased and unfair. It asked the student body what they would prefer - and there were a number of options listed regarding the students getting Martin Luther King Day off. There was, however, no option to request that we not get the day off. Some students voiced this complaint, but it was disregarded by the powers that be. I personally was one of the people who were not satisfied with the survey. "What about the other holidays?" I asked myself. "Aren't they important, too? Why should we single out MLK Day?" But, the results were clear - we were to get Martin Luther King Day (and only that day) off, and that was that. It would involve increasing the length of winter break (and therefore extending the time until commencement), but that was what the school decided.

Now, before I continue, this is not a slam on Martin Luther King Day. Martin Luther King is one of my personal idols, and I think he was one of the bravest men ever to live on this earth. I think he stood up for something that was inherently good, and that he was an amazing speaker and helped African Americans more than any person before or since. I actually have pictures of Dr. King in my journal. I find him to be an inspirational person, and millions of others do, too. My point is that other people and other holidays should not be excluded by Westminster, which is, I believe, what is happening. Martin Luther King Day is on the (short) list of holidays we are excused from class. Here's what I'm saying: It's a good start, Westminster.

I've written about this before in an Angry Voice, and I'm not sure how much attention was paid to it. But I'm writing again, and I hope something is at least discussed about it. I begin with a discussion about the different holidays that we decide to ignore here at Westminster:

What about President's Day? This is a day to celebrate the past of our nation - the presidents who truly stood out. Men like George Washington - the man who led the American Revolution, and delivered us from British Imperialism; Thomas Jefferson - one of the world's most gifted writers, who penned the Declaration of Independence; Andrew Jackson - who broke apart monopolies and helped create the current system of American government; Abraham Lincoln - the man who held the country together during a civil war where brother killed brother, and the man who freed the slaves; Franklin Delano Roosevelt - who brought this country out of the economic depression of the thirties, and led us through the greatest war the world has ever seen; John F. Kennedy - who inspired millions to volunteer their time and themselves toward a greater ideal; Ronald Reagan - whose economic policies helped end the Cold War; Bill Clinton - whose dynamic foreign policy led to years of relative peace in the 1990's. All of these men were outstanding servants to America, and, I believe, should be honored, just as Dr. King should be honored.

What about Labor Day? The workers of this country fought for years to break the stranglehold that big business had on civil rights and on the legislative branch of the government. The workers of this country fought so that 8-year-olds wouldn't have to quit going to school and work in a steel mill so that their families could eat. The workers of this country fought so that they could earn a decent living, instead of just pennies, while the executives earned millions (then again, there still is a discrepancy somewhere in there, isn't there). The workers fought to bring about an America that is better for everybody, not just the rich, and they have a day to honor them - Labor Day. I believe they should be honored, just as Dr. King should be honored.

What about Veterans' Day? Many of our great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents fought for the United States and for the cause of freedom both at home and abroad. They and their friends fought and died so that we could write angry articles in college newspapers, expressing our opinion, even though it might not be popular. They and their friends fought and died so that we could continue to live in a country where we decide what happens and who leads us. They, too, deserve to be honored, just as Dr. King should be honored.

So, I propose that we cut some time off of winter break. We do not need five weeks. The education majors do not need that amount of time to do their internships and student teaching and all of the tasks that their majors require of them - why? Look at nearly any other school in the country that has an education major. The vast majority of them don't need a break as long as ours. My recipe? Cut the break short. Let us graduate earlier. Give us our National Holidays off - let us celebrate them if we choose. We still should break even. I know, I know - we need a certain number of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, etc. Just do the old switcheroo at the end of the semester, where a Tuesday counts as a Wednesday, and so on. Look into it. Please. Those Presidents and workers and Veterans deserve recognition and celebration, just like Dr. King deserves it.

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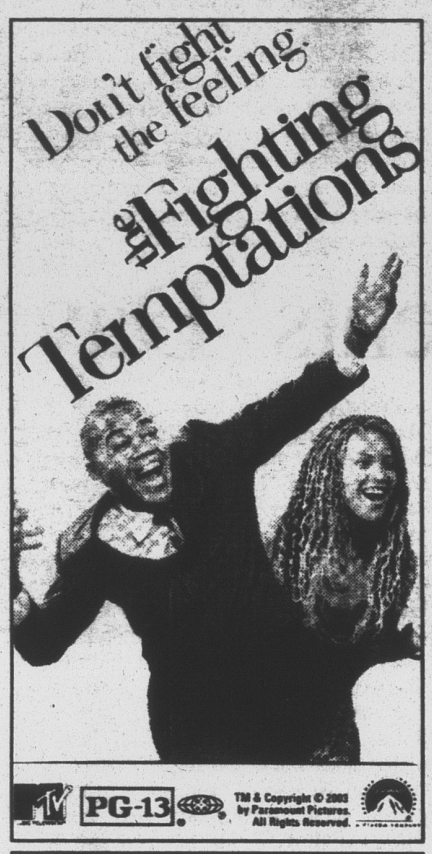

Boycott

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Sat: 8:00

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Mardi Gras

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Friday February 20

Booths and Caricature Artists
5:30 to 7:30 pm
in the Witherspoon Rooms

Symphonic Band Concert
7:30 pm in Orr Auditorium

Concert
Featuring: Bottle of Justus and
Hypnotist Mike Lee
9:00 in the Club/Lounge

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Saturday February 21
Meet at 10:45 pm outside
of the Campus Center,
van leaves at 11:00

Late Night every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
10-1 in the Tavern.

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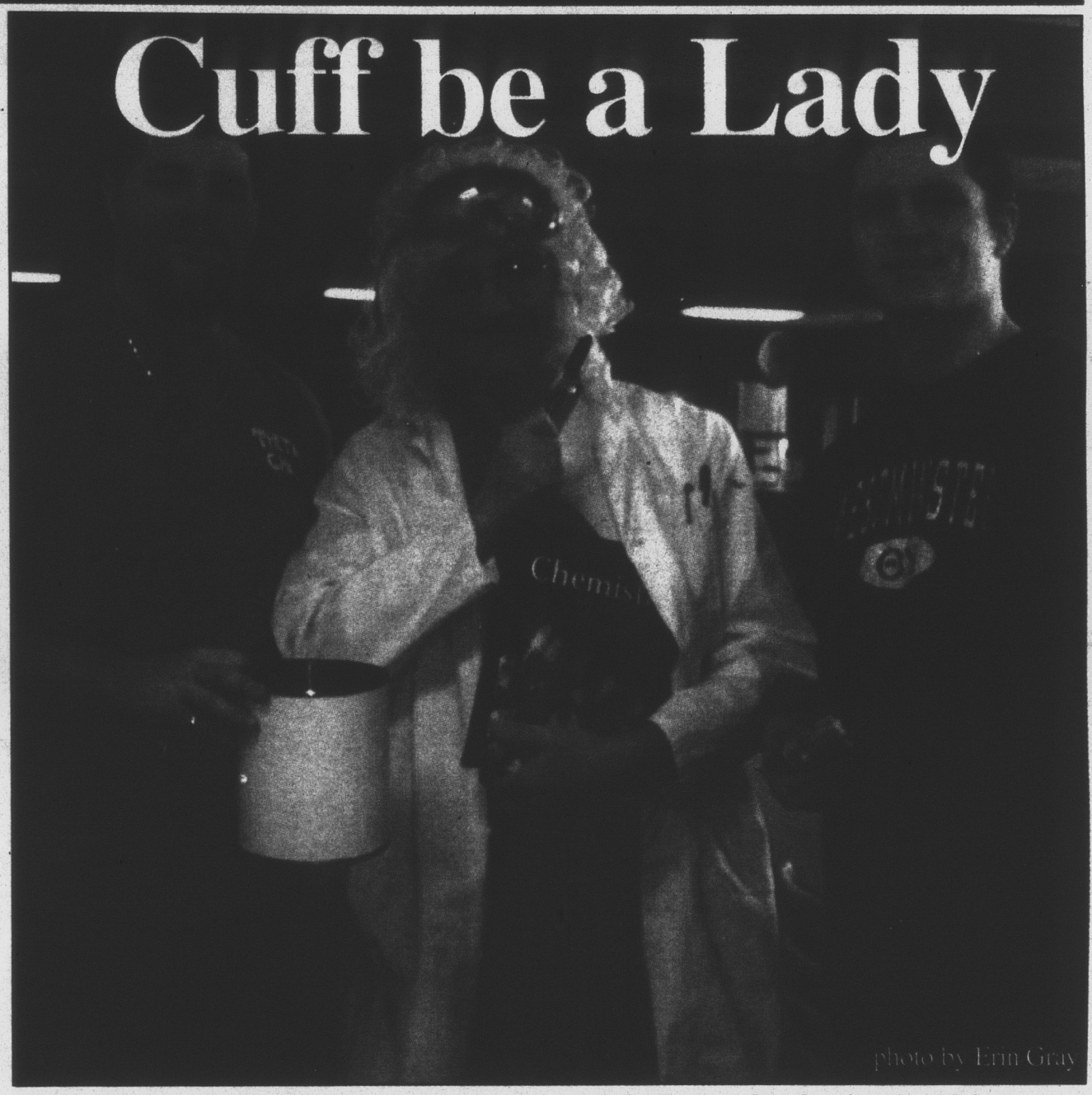


photo by Erin Gray

by Jolene Slattery
Campus Writer

Theta Chi Fraternity recently sponsored "Luck Be a Lady" to raise money for their philanthropy, the American Red Cross.

Beginning Feb. 13, the brothers collected donations in the Campus Center and Galbreath dining hall during meals. Each donation canister had the name of one of three male professors. Dr. Scott Mackenzie, Dr. David Swerdlow and Dr. Timothy Cuff agreed to take part in the event.

"I agreed to participate in the 'Lucky Lady' event, as I assume Dr. Swerdlow and MacKenzie did because of our interest in fostering philanthropy among the fraternities at a time when fraternity activity has not uniformly been positive," Cuff said.

At the end of the collection period, the professor for whom the most money was donated spent several hours dressed as a woman. The winner, Cuff, was seen in the Campus Center on Thursday.

"I dressed as I did, as a woman scientist, because I admire and respect women scholars and because I was not interested in having the activity, fund raising for the American Red Cross, focus on, as the biologists say, secondary sex characteristics," Cuff said. "A shockingly blonde wig, a flowing sari, and a chemist's lab coat seemed to carry, what I hope, was a positive message, if somewhat humorous, message."

Pictures were taken for a $1 donation, which will also go to the American Red Cross.

"It's a great way to help the Red Cross, and also gets the faculty involved," Theta Chi brother Nathan Lane said. "The Red Cross is a great organization and we love to help in whatever way we can."

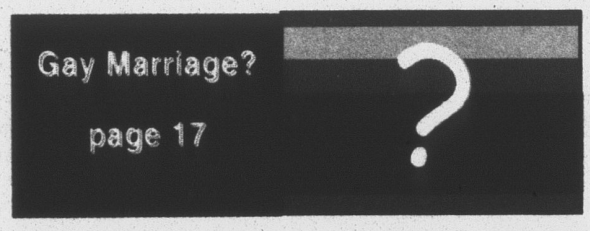
Bob Allen, Theta Chi public relations/philanthropy chair, developed the idea for "Luck Be a Lady." While at the house one night he heard some brothers singing along to the song "Luck Be a Lady." Allen thought it would be fun for the campus to see a male professor dressed as a lady. He also thought it would be a good way to raise money for the American Red Cross because many people would be willing to donate in order to see a professor dressed as a woman.

"We appreciate all the help we've received. I urge the campus to help all the Greeks in their philanthropy events," Allen said. "We have numbers and can do a lot of good."

Theta Chi hopes to raise between 200 and 400 dollars from the donations and the pictures with the winner. During the collection, donations ranged from spare change to twenty dollars. It was a tight race; with only two days left to donate, the three professors were all within $1 of each other.

"Everyone has been really great in supporting this," Theta Chi brother John Joseph said. "It's been an easy way to raise a lot of money to support our philanthropy and every cent is going straight to the Red Cross."

According to Allen, Theta Chi is working hard to support their philanthropy this semester. "Luck Be a Lady" is the first of over ten events planned for the spring.



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CAMPUS NEWS

SAA and CPC sponsor sixth annual Mardi Gras

by Colter McElree
Campus Writer

On Friday Feb. 20, the Student Alumni Association sponsored its sixth annual Mardi Gras celebration.

The festivities began at 5:30 p.m. with carnival booths on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center. There, guests from the community and the campus were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of different games and activities.

Along with participating in the different booths, everyone in attendance had the chance to watch a magician, have a caricature drawn of them, or receive beads from the king, Jim Barrie and queen, Ashley Mondale.

At 7:30 p.m. Mardi Gras participants were invited to Orr Auditorium to listen to the Symphonic Band concert. Following the concert students had the opportunity to take part in, or just observe hypnotist Mike Lee as he performed in McKelvey. Immediately following Lee, the band Bottle of Justus performed to close out the evening.

"Having (Mardi Gras) in the campus center was really convenient. It was great being able to take advantage of everything from the Witherspoon rooms on the third floor to student lounge and club room on the second," said SAA president Tara Timpano.

All of the different events were well attended. At the carnival a steady stream of visitors passed through the Witherspoon room doors to take part in the different booths. Student groups sponsoring booths ranged from Alpha Phi Omega, to Sigma Kappa, to Dance Theater, to PRSSA and more.

"The booths were set up really well, but I think the caricatures were the highlight of the carnival," sophomore Quay Rosengarth said.

Lines 20 people deep were constant at the caricature drawings booth throughout the event. Participants were not bored however thanks to a strolling magician who amazed the crowd by performing different tricks involving cards, disappearing cloths and balls of light that came and went at the magician's will.

For many students however, the real excitement came with the introduction of Mike Lee, a hypnotist. For an hour students were "put under" by Lee.

"It was a weird feeling, I knew what was going on, and I knew what he was making me do, it was just like I didn't care at all. The only bad part about it was that I had a headache for a few hours afterwards," sophomore Nicky Kress said.

Mary James, advisor to SAA explained that Mardi Gras began six years ago for two reasons. The first was to let the campus know that SAA did exist and that they had an important role on campus. The second was to give the college one more activity that was unique and exciting for the student body to take part in.

"Overall, I think we've been successful in both aspects. Mardi Gras has been a hit on this campus in the past, and this year was no exception," Timpano said.

photo by Megan Sigler

Ashley Mondale and Jim Barrie served as the queen and king of Mardi Gras.

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Bethany Huey helped community kids make maskes at the SAA booth.

Film minor unites English department with Hollywood

by Laura Zorch
Campus Writer

Hollywood comes to Westminster next fall. Drs. Deborah Mitchell and Jeffrey Bersett teamed up to co-direct a new minor in film studies. Now, any student with a desire to study film has that opportunity.

Both Mitchell and Bersett agree that studying film complements any major at Westminster. The ability to analyze film crosses over to each discipline. "Film is the text of this century," Mitchell said. "We better learn how to read that text."

Bersett hopes that students will gain a better understanding of the medium. "Film is more than just entertainment...It is a catch-all art."

Student interest fueled the creation of the minor. Previous courses have been offered, and students wanted more. Attendance at the International Film Festival has increased as well.

The minor program took several months to implement. The co-directors wanted to be sure that it was just right.

Mitchell and Bersett have solid backgrounds in film studies. Mitchell earned her doctorate in film and has written two books on the subject. Artist and Icon: Diane Keaton was Mitchell's dissertation. She interviewed the actress about her career. The second book, The Makeover in Movies, was co-written by Dr. Betsy Ford. It analyzes the point in a film when an actress is glamorously transformed.

Considering himself "a huge movie fan," Bersett is also knowledgeable on the subject of film. He has previously taken multiple courses in film studies. His goal for the students studying film is simple. "I want students to appreciate all artistic endeavors a little more."

Next semester, Bersett will teach a course on Hitchcock as one of the first classes offered for the minor.

Mitchell will instruct an Intro to Film Studies class, which will be the prerequisite for all film minors. Minors will be able to take classes like Film Criticism, Screen Writing, Film History, and other selected topics in the future.

Mitchell and Bersett are excited for the program to begin. Both hope the students will view films in a different way.

"Film is really a looking glass," Mitchell said. "It reflects and influences the culture in which it is made."

Scrawl showcases student literature and artwork

by Jessica Holiday
Campus Writer

The latest edition of Scrawl is being compiled currently and is expected to reach the student population in the near future.

Scrawl is an annual publication of poetry, prose and art submitted by students on campus. Aspects of art included are paintings, digital art, ceramics and photography. Literary works range from poems to short stories. In order to submit work, an English or art major is not necessary. Any student on campus is eligible to have his or her work published in Scrawl.

Scrawl cannot come together on its own. A staff made up of students, along with a faculty advisor, work behind the scenes to put the journal together.

Dr. David Swerdlow advises the staff, which includes Kate Sweeney as Editor-in-Chief, Jarrod Takah as Poetry and Prose Editor, and Serah Stauffer as Art Director.

Several other students are staff members in addition to these offices. "As an editor of Scrawl, it's been amazing to be involved with the behind-the-scenes aspect of producing a publication." Jarrod Takah said.

The Scrawl staff accepted work through Feb. 23. Artwork for this year's edition has already been selected. The art show held earlier this month in the McKelvey Center served as the selection process. Selection of work was based highly on student response to the pieces on display. Although many works were submitted, not all will be able to appear in Scrawl.

The three editors, along with a selection committee, select the best pieces to publish. "We have a devoted group of staffers that contribute in any way that they can," Jarrod said. All works submitted remain anonymous until decided upon.

Although not widely known on campus, Scrawl is a great opportunity for students to get their work acknowledged. "At first, I was apprehensive to submit my work, but in the end I was really glad that I did," Elizabeth Wallace, a student featured in last year's Scrawl, said. "It was rewarding to see my work in print."

The actual publication date is still unknown at this time. However, the staff has decided that it will come out earlier than last year's edition. When the journal is published, it is available to everyone on campus. To receive a copy, simply contact a member of the Scrawl staff. Inaddition, further questions or comments can also be directed toward any staff member.

Fireside chat with President and Dean Edman

by Buck Thorton
Campus Writer

President Williamson and Dean Edman took their cues from FDR at last Tuesday's informal forum with students.

The Fireside Chat was held last Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge by President Williamson and Dean of Student Affairs, Neal Edman.

The hope was to put a "human face on individuals from the college" and to "speak from the heart," Edman said.

The most prevalent topics that were discussed were the Eichenauer Hall fire extinguisher incident, one student's dissatisfaction with classes, common themes between classes no matter which professor teaches the class, more operating hours for the Marge Walker Center and computer labs, and Inquiry classes being held for only one semester instead of two.

This was an informal hour and a half for students to expression opinions on any school topic.

"I went because of my disgust with the fire extinguisher incident," sophomore Aaron Bruck said.

The incident happened the Saturday before the meeting at 3:00 a.m. where a student sprayed a fire extinguisher as a joke, leaving the second floor of Eich. a mess.

He left with a feeling of accomplishment knowing that if this type of incident would happen again, the fine would be placed on the building, not on a specific hall. Later students found out the culprit had confessed earlier that day.

However, not all students left with a sense of triumph and may have left unhappy. One student, Williamson and Edman feel, left without accomplishing what he/she came for, but both answered to the best of their knowledge.

According to Williamson, "[He] wants to know what students have on their minds." He would like to be more accessible to the students but his tight schedule sometimes prohibits this.

"Doors are always open in Student Affairs to talk," Edman said. From his point of view he wants nothing to fall on deaf ears, thus the point of having the Fireside Chat.

When asked why students didn't attend "I didn't have any problems with the college," sophomore Tom Heath said.

Not only is this a time for students to express their disapproval with certain topics or actions but also simply to talk about events or any questions they might have. "What students have to realize is that it is incredibly informal," Bruck said.

There will be two more meetings like this with some possible guest faculty. The first will be March 9 and the second will be held on April 20. Both will be held in the Berlin Lounge at 4:30 p.m. They will consist of the same format as last Tuesday; very informal and no set topics except the budget of the college, probably during the March meeting.

Honors program to be reconstructed

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

On May 22, Tiffany Gardiner will join 17 fellow classmates in graduating from Westminster College with honors. Each has completed 16 credit hours of honors work in their discipline, written, and successfully defended their theses.

However, when the class of 2008 graduates, the number of honors students will likely be cut by more than half.

The Honors Program is taught over four semesters and includes two sections. Honors Colloquium, the first section, allows students to learn the philosophy of basic assumptions, methodologies, and values in the various liberal arts disciplines though readings, discussions, and guest speakers. Students conduct their independent research, write and defend their thesis during the second section.

"The way the honors program stands now, it isn't enough of an honor," said Dean Mann. "Over the years the program has grown to more than 40 juniors and seniors. Restructuring it will allow the students with real passion and dedication to enroll and earn the distinction."

The changes to the program are not met without opposition, however. Co-moderator Dr. Throckmorton sees the restructuring as a way to keep students from the experience of being a member of an academic community.

"If a student wants to gain more experience in their field and do this through the Honors Program then that's great. I want every student to have the opportunity," said Throckmorton.

"The students have been offering and discussing possible changes to the program," said senior honor student Becky Gonda. "I had no idea that the changes the college was proposing were so drastic."

Throckmorton serves as co-moderator with Dr. Hicok. Each instructs portions of the Honors Colloquium and assists students personally with their Honors Project research. Next fall, Throckmorton be on a one-semester sabbatical leaving her position as co-moderator open.

"There is someone who is willing to fill the position," said Throckmorton. "But the way things are going there isn't going to be a need. There will only be one moderator and considerably less students."

Under the current structure, all sophomores with a 3.5 overall QPA and a 3.5 major QPA are initially eligible for entry into the program. Departments then meet as a group to determine which students they recommended.

Additional standards may be set within each department, including a higher minimum major QPA.

Currently 18 seniors and 21 juniors from 20 different majors are honors students. Numerous students are from the biology, English, and psychology departments. In terms of numbers alone, these departments are usually well represented.

Under the proposed plan, the QPA requirements will remain the same. Not only will departments recommend potential students, but they will also rank those eligible candidates. Less than 18 students will be able to join the program. Additionally, one student per department will be accepted into the program unless room allows for more.

"If my department only accepted one student when I applied, I know it wouldn't have been me," said Gonda. "But, this experience has been so beneficial and I can't image trying to apply for grad school without having done my undergraduate honors research."

Mann argues that in the past the program has seen a high drop out rate. "By forcing students to really compete to enter the program we hope to see a decrease in drop outs," he said.

Mann also sites the new structure will even the playing ground for all disciplines. "With the program as it is, students studying elementary education, physics, foreign languages, pre-med, or studying abroad are at a disadvantage to complete their honors courses. Some fields are rarely represented in the program."

Gardiner is a German major, secondary education minor and spent the summer in Germany.

Senior honors student Tacia Despo disagrees with the future changes. "I think one of the most helpful things about the Honors Program is the chance to work with others in my major."

Mann also says that students of other majors, including music, are at a disadvantage because their curriculum is strict and does not allow the time to complete the honors program.

Of the 18 senior honors students this year, three have studied abroad, one is a foreign language major, and one is studying elementary education.

"We even have accounting, theater, and business administration majors this year," said Throckmorton.

These changes to the program come after Mann called on the Academic Standards Committee to evaluate the Honors Program as it stands and make recommends for its improvement.

"The program has outgrown itself as it stands," said Mann. "Changes need to be made to make it fairer and better for all students."

The first round of changes is expected by fall 2005. Major restructuring will occur within four years based on the evaluation of the Academic Standards Committee. Anyone wanting more information on the Honors Program or the future changes can contact Throckmorton at athrock@westminter.edu or Mann at mannjt@westminster.edu.

Office of Diversity celebrates black history

contributed photo

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

This year the Office of Diversity Service's Black History Celebration featured "The Faces of Black History" followed by musical group "The Sounds of Zion". The event was held in Orr Auditorium on Thursday February 19. The Black Student Union also announced the winners of their raffle during the intermission. Leslie Underwood won a stereo while Dr. James Cherney won a DVD player.

In "The Faces of Black History", performers paid homage to famous black Americans throughout history in a performance that fused song, dance, and crowd participation.

The five actors in the cast, who were all from the New York City area, gave dramatic performances portraying the lives of many prominent African American historical figures.

Preparing students for the future...
Dine N' Shine teaches dinner and interview etiquette

by Heather M. Jones
Campus Writer

Use silverware from the outside in. Always pass to the right. Leave your napkin on your chair to be excused from the table. These are just a few tips Karen Litzinger shared with seniors on Wednesday night at the 2004 Dine N' Shine & Dress for Success Style Show.

The dinner and fashion show, sponsored by the Career Center, took place at 8:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room and started with a humorous skit on what not do to during an interview over dinner. Dean Edman played the interviewer and senior John Libert played the ill-mannered interviewee.

"I think it was a fun way to demonstrate all of the wrong things to do during an interview," Libert stated. "By being so comical and exaggerated, the skit proved its point well."

Seniors enjoyed their choice of chicken, salmon or a Portobello mushroom dish for dinner. Throughout the dinner, Litzinger explained the proper way to eat each course. She demonstrated the correct way to cut food, butter bread and place utensils between courses.

"I didn't know that food could be so complicated," Maroun Kanaan, a style show model, stated.

After the seniors learned dinner-table etiquette, they sat back and viewed the "Dress for Success Style Show." Twenty-six models sported attire from several stores in Grove City. Business suites were matched with ties and wrinkle-free dress shirts for the guys, while ladies' suits were paired with matching totes and shoes. The models strutted their stuff while descriptions of each outfit, along with the name of the store in which each outfit could be found, were announced.

"My suit was pretty modern and I really liked tying in spring colors," model Tyler Lonigro stated. Lonigro modeled a black suit accented by a light pink shirt and dark pink and black checked tie.

After two hours of etiquette training, the seniors left feeling a lot more prepared for the real world. Senior Rachel Mondale told fellow interns at WQED about the dinner and style show that had been provided for students.

"A lot of the people I work with go to Pitt and they were jealous that I had this kind of opportunity," Mondale stated. "Pitt, and I think big schools in general, don't offer the kind of learning experiences like Westminster does. The Career Center deserves a huge thanks for sponsoring the dinner."

photo by Melissa Logan

Seniors Terra Dobbins and Loren Altenhof enjoy the evening.

Internship fair provides opportunities for experience

by Josh Perry
Campus Writer

The Career Center sponsored a valuable event for students searching for internships this summer this week. Internship Day was held on Tuesday Feb. 24.

Internship Day is a way to expose students to possible internships, careers, and even volunteer opportunities. It was sponsored by the Career Center and was held in the Witherspoon Room of the McKelvey Student Center. This event was held from 12:30 p.m to 2 p.m. to eliminate time conflicts with Tuesday-Thursday classes. This annual event is a way to expose students to employers from around this area. Students were able to walk around to employer's booths and give potential employers their résumés, talk to them, and set up personal interviews.

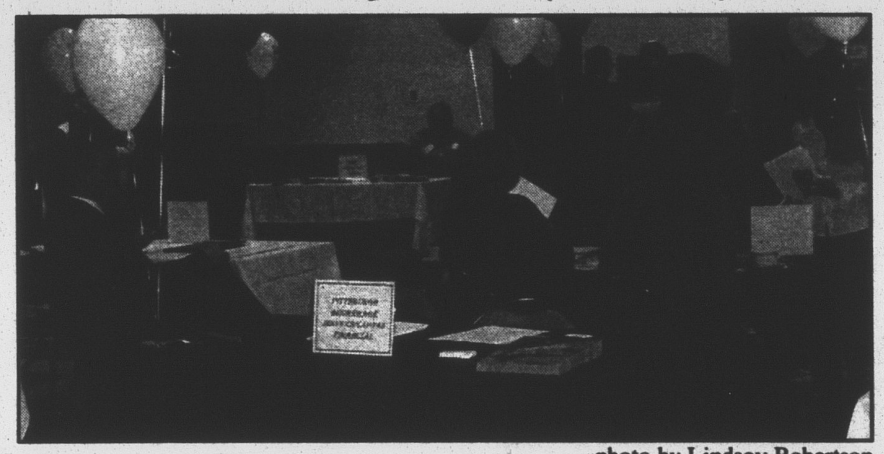


photo by Lindsey Robertson

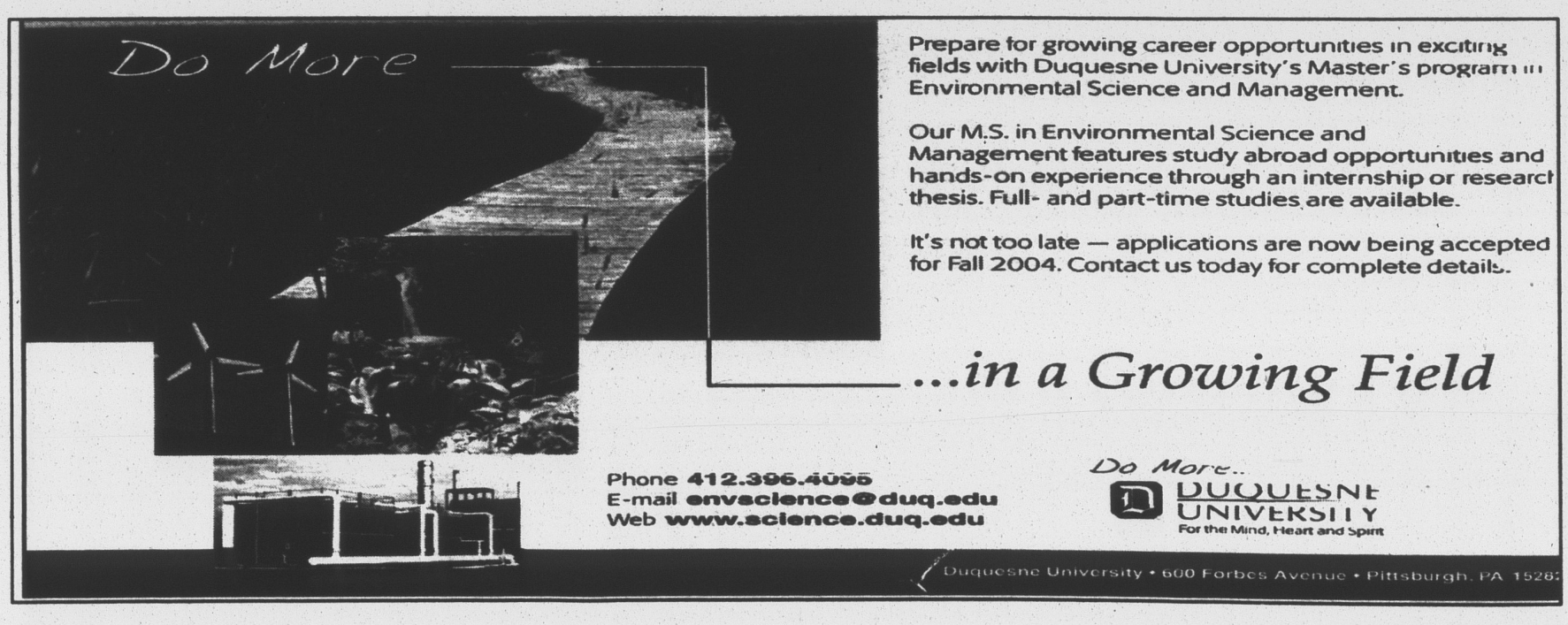
"Internship day is a really nice opportunity for the students to interview with potential employers on campus without having to go off-campus. Internships are very important when you go to apply for a job," said assistant director of the Career Center, Janet Waugaman.

Most of the internships available were for the summer, but some fall internships were available. Students were urged dress in job interview attire; for men that is a suit or a sport coat and for women, a suit or a nice dress.

"Internships are a great way to get your name out to employers, to get a better idea of your own abilities, and to get a better insight of the area you want to pursue," said economics and business chair Tom Rosengarth.

Some companies that were in attendance from around the area are public relations firm MarkUSA, the American Red Cross, Carnegie Science Center, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Grove City Prime Outlets, and WQED Multimedia of Youngstown and many more.

"Students should ask themselves three questions about their internships. What did they learn about their major? What did they learn about themselves? What did they learn about their education up to now? I think the students are fortunate to have the Career Center setting up this opportunity for them," said English and public relations department chair Dr. James Perkins.



Bleasby Colliquium discusses sex, drugs and rock n' roll

by Mark Woessner
Campus Writer

The English department's Bleasby Colloquium continued last Thursday with the presentation of Dr. Suzanne Prestein's doctorate dissertation.

The paper argues "that biographical films about rock stars, bio-pics, warrant serious consideration."

She told the audience that she picked this topic because it incorporated two of her passions - rock 'n' roll and film. Her thesis compares rock stars to mythological heroes.

"When I first started writing this chapter in my dissertation, I had been reading some Joseph Campbell on the side, and it occurred to me then that what made rock bio-pics so interesting and important: they are creating and furthering modern mythology through their unique depictions of these rock stars" Prestien, said.

There are six major events that a mythological hero has to deal with that are seen in films depicting the lives of rock musicians: dealing with the past or father issues, the request of virtues (loyalty, temperance, and courage), a long journey, flirting with death, slaying the monster, and disengaging.

"[These stories] provide an exploration of the rock stars as an archetypal hero and visionary, someone who sees beyond his time and place and often suffers for his unique vision, which tends to frighten average mortals." Prestien, said

She illustrated her point by showing clips from *The Doors*, *La Bamba*, and *Purple Rain*. The night ended with a question and answer section.

"I thought that her talk was really intriguing and I would have never seen the connection before this, but after having it pointed out I definitely agree with Dr. Prestien," sophomore Sara Blasko said.

Prestien concluded the night with something for every one to think about, "The rock band Radiohead sang, 'Everybody wants to be Jim Morrison,' and in a sense, they're right. But few of us want to die at 28 and therein lies the paradox no true cultural obsession can live with out. Most of us want the fame, the freedom, and the fun, but we're not willing to pay the high price. To the heroes of rock 'n' roll bio-pics, money is no object."

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Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

Wondering why you haven't seen any SGA executive slate campaign posters plastered all over the campus? If you just answered yes to that question, then I have the answer for you. Current Judicial chair Jess Rummel formed a slate and they ran unopposed. Because of this, they decided to save the trees and abstain from posting fliers. Since they ran unopposed, Slate Rummel is the new executive board of SGA. They will take office on March 10th. The officers of Slate Rummel are Jess Rummel as President, Russ Mills as Vice President, Ian Durham as Secretary, and Greg Smith as Treasurer. The chairs of Slate Rummel are Nicole Udanis as Special Events, Andrea Ceplecci as Public Relations, Sara Camerota as Judicial, Rich Marmura as Finance, and Coulter McElree as Academics.

If you remember taking a survey last semester on student satisfaction with SGA, the results will be made available for you within the next few weeks. To sum up the results, there was a significant increase in student satisfaction of SGA. Which means we must be doing something right, yes? If you are not satisfied with SGA, then please e-mail us or contact a representative and we will help you in any way we can.

Speaking of satisfaction, if you are not happy with the current system for the meal plans, a new plan is going to be implemented next year. The new

system will include a declining balance. There will be a $500 overhead for labor and other costs. Students will have the option of putting different amounts of money ($1,000, $850, and $750) on their Titan cards. The food will be slightly cheaper and if the balance is not used, the money will carry over to the following semester. Students can also add more Titan Dollars at any time throughout the semester.

SGA will be sponsoring a Beach Party on March 5th at the pool in the Field House. The party is from 7:00-10:00pm and there will be free food, t-shirts, and beach pails. There will also be a limbo contest, a hula dancing contest, music, and other fun activities. Grab some of your friends and come to the party!

Congratulations to the newly elected senators. Due to Wednesday night courses, many senators had to resign this semester, leaving open spots in the senate. Serving the senior position is John Libert, while Corey Sacca, Brian Martin, and Pat Dudas jumped into the junior spots. Sliding into the sophomore slots were Brian Bauer, Tom Burkhart, Jordan Hinds, and Courtney Turek. If you are interested in becoming a SGA senator, campus wide elections will be March 3rd.

That is all for this week in your SGA. As I always say, you are more than welcome to attend our meetings. They are held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in McKelvey Theater. If you have any questions or comments, e-mail us at sga@westminster.edu. Have a safe and fun weekend!

Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

Parking Lot Cameras Discussed at All Campus Meeting

Fall enrollment projections, a balanced budget and the possibility of security cameras in the parking lots—that's some of the news from this afternoon's All-Campus Meeting. President Tom Williamson says the college wants to enroll more than 360 students first-start students in the fall—and the college is also reporting a balanced budget for the current fiscal year.

Meanwhile, students at the meeting asked the president about recent vandalism to cars in parking lots. The president says he's aware of ongoing problems of damage in the lots—and he says one solution may include installing security cameras. Williamson says he's against the idea of using cameras to monitor open campus areas—but he says the security cameras may be the solution to the problem.

Allegheny College Sets Application Record

Up I-79 in Meadville, Allegheny College is claiming it has set a new record for applications for new students. The private, liberal arts school slashed it budget and cut jobs last year because enrollment was dropping. But college officials say they now have more than 3100 applications. That's up nearly a thousand over last year.

More Funny Money Turning Up in Local Stores

State Police in New Castle say people should check their money these days as more bogus $20 bills have shown up in local stores. Troopers say two counterfeit $20 bills were passed at the Shop 'N Save this week. Investigators say the woman who used the funny money was unaware the bills were counterfeit—apparently they were passed on to her. In the past few months, state police have investigated other cases of counterfeit bills showing up in our area.

Parking Tickets & Towing Growing Problem

Dean of Security John Lechner says the cold, winter weather has students driving from the residence halls to their classes—and that's causing parking problems. Lechner says his department has issued more and more tickets in recent weeks and nearly a dozen cars have been towed. Lechner stresses students need to leave the cars at the dorms and walk to class because parking is limited.

Local Businesses Set Up Shop When Spring Breaks

While students are away on spring break, local businesses will be working hard here on campus. How many business can there be in one small town? Betty Jones of the New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce says you'd be surprised. On March 13, Westminster College will be hosting the New Wilmington Area Business Expo. Over 90 local businesses are scheduled to attend. Jones says the college is a prime location to hold the expo. The event is free and Jones encourages everyone to stop down at the Memorial Field House to check out the expo. Organizers expect to see more than five hundred guests.

Ticket Required for Playoff Game

Campus officials expect a big turnout for Thursday's playoff game—so you will need a ticket to get inside the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. Students will need to show their Westminster I-D's to get in—otherwise you'll need to buy a ticket. Game tickets will sell for three-dollars for adults and two-for kids. Sports Information Director Joe Onderko says this will be the first time most students have seen the Titans in playoff action. He says they expect a turnout from the student body and a packed Memorial Fieldhouse.

SGA Rallies Support for German Program

SGA has issued a formal complaint to the Department of Academic Affairs regarding the elimination of the German major. Senators say the student body was shut out of the decision to abolish the German program. SGA is asking the administration to reconsider the decision to eliminate the German. The formal complaint issued by SGA also requests that the Department of Academic Affairs appeal directly to SGA or to the students for input before acting in the future.

Driving Home the Need for Donors

Red Cross officials say blood supply reserves are dangerously low—but faculty, staff and students at Westminster can help. The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, March 2 from noon until six in the McKelvey Berlin Lounge. Campus blood drive organizer Beth Brooks says you can schedule an appointment to donate by e-mailing her.

Speech and debate season comes to end

by Kathy Woodville
Campus Writer

The season for the Speech and Debate team is winding down, but the competitors are in high gear as they surge on to the state and national events.

Although there are four categories available for the team to participate in, limited preparation and interpretive are their main focus. Limited preparations consist of extemporaneous and impromptu speeches and have imposed time limits. Impromptu contestants are given a quotation or object and allowed a total of seven minutes for preparation and speech.

Extemporaneous participants are given a current topic and allowed 30 minutes to prepare for a seven-minute speech.

The Interpretive category encompasses poetry, prose, duo interpretive, and dramatic reading. As it is necessary to keep abreast of the news, from Janet Jackson to the Iraqi elections, all nine team members help maintain a file of current events.

Junior political science major, Jess Rummel, who is secretary/treasurer of the team, competes in impromptu, prose and duo interpretation.

"Our team is very close and we are fighting our way up," Rummel said.

A practice session was held on Feb.18 prior to the team's traveling to Ursinus College for state competition on Feb. 21-22.

Dr. James L. Cherney is the team's faculty advisor and coach. He resurrected the Speech and Debate team during the fall semester 2001 after a hiatus of 15 years.

During the practice session, Cherney helped the team define current topics to include in their file, timed and gave them written critiques of their practice speeches and made general observations that will help in future speeches.

"Figure out what word in your quotation is the most important," Cherney said.

This defines the general theme of the speech and helps the team member to concentrate on their argument.

"Give no personal examples because the judge will start 'judging' you by those examples," Cherney said.

During the third week of April, the team will be competing in five events at the national competition, which is being held at Western Illinois University.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Gun lobbyists overwhelm gun-control advocats for past nine years running

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) Gun lobbyists have outspent gun-control advocates in Ohio 32-to-1 since 1995, the year supporters began pushing a bill to allow Ohioans to carry concealed weapons, the Dayton Daily News reported Saturday.

They also sent 11 times as many letters, faxes and e-mails to Gov. Bob Taft and called his office three times as much as opponents of the bill. They packed hearing rooms, marched in demonstrations and signed petitions.

"The volume was very intense. And that is on both sides. I'd say the proponents outweighed the opponents about 2-to-1," said state Rep. Jim Aslanides, a Coshocton Republican who sponsored the bill allowing concealed carry. The law goes into effect April 8.

The NRA, Ohio Gun PAC, Gun Owners of America and other pro-gun rights groups gave legislative and other state candidates $208,228 since 1995, according to data from Ohio Citizen Action and the Ohio secretary of state's office.

Handgun Control Inc.'s political committee gave $6,524 in 1998 and nothing in the other years, according to secretary of state records.

Taft's office reported receiving 41,938 faxes, letters and e-mails from supporters of carrying concealed weapons since the Republican became governor in 1999, and 3,732 from opponents. Phone calls in favor of the legislation between 2001 and last week totaled 5,910 to 1,664 against.

State Rep. Ed Jerse, a Euclid Democrat and an opponent of the law, said politicians are scared by the gun-rights grassroots movement because advocates can unleash a torrent of opposition in an election.

"People are more influenced by the grass roots mobilization - the fear that the group is going to target them in a race. It's very much a wedge issue, it's a swing issue, it's an issue that can influence the swing voters," Jerse said.

State Sen. Eric Fingerhut, a Shaker Heights Democrat also against concealed carry, said most Ohioans quietly opposed the measure, but the gun lobby mobilized a loud minority.

"It's like comparing the Army's 5th Division to, like, the Boy Scouts. They aren't even playing the same game," said Fingerhut, running for the U.S. Senate this year.

Chad Baus, spokesman for Ohioans for Concealed Carry, said the strong campaign reflects the view that most Ohioans want the right to carry concealed weapons.

"There is not a huge anti-gun movement in America. It's just not there," Baus said.

High school officials dragging feet on release of important student data

McKEES ROCKS, Pa. (AP) School officials waited a day to disclose that a seventh grader brought a gun to school, a delay that upsets at least one student's grandmother.

Carrie Lockerbie said her grandson was too scared to tell her that a fellow student showed him a handgun on a school bus this month. It wasn't until the next day that the Montour School District sent a letter to parents and guardians to inform them of the incident involving the David E. Williams Middle School, she said.

Montour School District officials could not immediately reached for comment Sunday. But some officials said it is within districts' rights and obligations to limit the amount of information passed on to parents and guardians when unusual events - such as students bringing drugs or weapons to class - occur.

No law requires schools to release information about such episodes, and state and federal regulations limit what schools can say about students, said Emily Leader, the deputy chief counsel for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

"In general, student discipline issues are confidential," Leader said. "There are a variety of discipline issues that arise every day in school. Usually, these are confidential issues and they're not going to go out of their way to publicize things, and that's fine."

But Pennsylvania's Safe Schools Act requires districts to keep a statistical summary of incidents involving drugs, weapons and violence. That information should be available to the public.

When officials in the Bethel Park School District discovered that a group of students were sharing or selling prescription drugs at school, the district did not release any information until the media asked about it.

Bethel Park School Board President Dan Duff said officials handled the situation appropriately because the parents and guardians of the students involved were notified right away.

"In a district with over 5,000 kids, if it doesn't involve my child, I don't think I need to know about it," Duff said.

After the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, in which two students killed 12 classmates and a teacher before taking their own lives, savvy administrators know they should say more than "no comment" when it comes to school safety issues, said Kenneth Trump, the president of Cleveland-based National School Safety and Security Services, a consulting firm on school security and crisis planning.

"The schools feel they will lose credibility if they do speak, but they are actually losing credibility and respect from the parents for not communicating," Trump said.

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Possible serial killer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) The discovery of a woman's body stuffed in a trash bag has police in Philadelphia wondering whether a serial killer is on the loose.

Evelyn Rolon, 43, was the fourth woman found slain - three of them strangled - along a stretch of Kensington Avenue in North Philadelphia in the past six weeks, police said. No arrests have been made.

"We're not saying we have a serial killer on our hands here. But at the same time, we want everyone walking that corridor to be careful," Cpl. Jim Pauley said after Rolon's body was found Sunday. "Detectives are keeping an open mind about the possibility of a connection, but at this point in the investigation, it's too early to tell."

While the three other women were known to police and frequented areas known for prostitution, Rolon, a mother of four, had no arrest record but was known to drink and get into fights.

She was also older than the other victims, and was the only one whose body was found clothed, police said.

"We know she was tough, but she didn't deserve to be dumped in a trash bag, strangled like they did. The person who did this has no heart," Maria Rolon, the victim's 71-year-old mother, said in Spanish.

Sixth arson in four months

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (AP) A fire last week in a historic building was intentionally set, the sixth arson there in the past four months, authorities said.

Firefighters worked for about seven hours to put out the fire Friday at Burns Drugs and an empty adjacent apartment building in Connellsville, about 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Connellsville police Sgt. Vincent Traynor said investigators found evidence of a break-in and two places on the second floor where they believe fires were set.

"There's no doubt about it, the fire was intentionally set. ... No one has lived in the apartments for six months and the electric has been shut off," Traynor said.

Louis Stern, the second-generation owner of the drug store, said they plan to reopen quickly.

Ratings for Ohio gov. improve

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) While a majority of Ohioans continue to disapprove of Gov. Bob Taft's performance as governor, the two-term Republican's approval rating is improving, according to a poll released Monday.

The Ohio Poll found that 47 percent of Ohioans approve of the job Taft is doing as governor, up from 44 percent in September. Two previous polls in 2003 found Taft's approval rating at 40 percent.

The last time a majority of Ohioans approved of Taft's job performance was in September 2002 when he achieved a 66 percent approval rating.

The poll released Monday found that 43 percent disapproved of the job Taft is doing, down from 46 percent in September.

The telephone poll of 842 adults was conducted by the University of Cincinnati's Institute for Policy Research from Jan. 30 through Feb. 10. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Taft spokesman Orest Holubec said the governor was not interested in poll numbers.

"The governor's going to continue to focus on improving the economic climate in the state and creating new jobs," Holubec said. "The No. 1 concern of Ohioans right now is the economy."

County employees face layoffs

BEAVER, Pa. (AP) As many as 100 Beaver County employees could start getting layoff notices this week, authorities said.

County Commissioner Chairman Dan Donatella said the notices will go out if the Service Employees International Union Local 668 doesn't approve a wage freeze. The union represents public works, courthouse and jail employees.

An informal vote last week by some union members was unanimous against a wage freeze. A formal vote is scheduled for Wednesday.

Some union members were upset by the vote and have sent a letter to the union and commissioners, saying they would accept a wage freeze to help save jobs. Several county departments have already accepted the wage freeze.

The county is trying to cut nearly $1.7 million to balance the budget. The commissioners have also told row officers that their budgets would be cut by 6 percent.

Chief Deputy Dave Matthews said the police department would likely have to layoff deputies and possibly reduce services because of the county's financial woes.

Nonprofit groups merge

PITTSBURGH (AP) Two nonprofit groups that cater to young professionals in western Pennsylvania are in the process of merging.

When the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project - also known as PUMP - and Pittsburgh's Next combine under the PUMP name, the new organization will have about 1,000 members.

"Since both organizations have made municipal consolidation a primary awareness cause for 2004, we're eager to lead by example by consolidating," said PUMP Executive Director Mike English.

Together, the groups will continue to host events and programs on political, economic, cultural and environmental issues that affect the region.

"It is pointless to compete for the attention of students, members, businesses and development dollars in order to protect our egos or to hold onto our own little piece of the pie when we can work together to build a stronger community," English said.

NATIONAL

Golden labrador retriever wrestles with wild life

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) As dogs go, Ric Rose's is no pushover. A 90-pound Labrador-golden retriever mix, Fontaine tangles with bears and dodges speeding traffic.

But ever since the guide dog was attacked in December by a dog that was not on a leash, Fontaine is wary of the spot at the University of Kentucky where it happened.

Members of Lexington's blind community are getting fed up with frequent scuffles between leashless neighborhood dogs and their own guides. They want pet owners to start paying attention to the leash law that has been in place since 1965.

"If people would obey the leash laws, we would have no problems," said Lexington resident Joyce McGuire, 72, who with her cane bats wandering dogs away from Glider, her Labrador retriever guide, twice a week as she walks to the bus stop. An 80-year-old friend carries a cattle prod to fend off aggressive dogs when she walks outside.

"There's no such thing as a friendly dog off-leash to a blind person with a guide dog," McGuire said.

In states with large blind populations such as California and New York, pet attacks on guide dogs are punishable with hefty fines and up to a year in prison for owners. Kentucky has no such laws.

When Fontaine was attacked, Rose defended him like he would his little sister. The 50-year-old blind man threw himself into the fray and used his cane to fight off the offending dog. Fontaine, who used to chase bears off the farm in Washington where he was raised and plays with geese as a hobby, walked away unharmed.

But Rose, a student at Sullivan University, won't chance losing his fourth guide dog in 29 years.

"I can be pretty mean myself, and I usually take aggressive action when I need to," said Rose, who reported the incident to UK police. "I'd rather get into the fight than have my dog into it. A guide dog's very valuable. You don't want it hurt."

Service-dog users across Kentucky fear the worst with each passing of a jogger and her pooch, or each yip of a backyard pet.

In Louisville, two Rottweilers escaped from a yard and jumped Michael McCarty and his guide dog a year and a half ago as they were walking by. McCarty, the president of a support group called Guide Dog Users of Kentucky, fended off the attackers with his cane.

Two other members of the group and their guide dogs were attacked last year near the Kentucky School for the Blind, McCarty said. One of the guide dogs was treated for bite wounds.

It irks guide-dog owners that the attacks result frequently from pet lovers who violate the leash laws in place in most metropolitan areas. Under Lexington's current ordinance, owners must keep their dogs on a leash anywhere except their private property and designated dog parks.

"About 50 percent do and 50 percent don't" obey the leash laws, said Karie Shrader, director of adoptions at the Lexington Humane Society. She added that owners are also liable if their pets escape from their yards without a leash. The Fayette County Division of Animal Control issues between 15 and 20 citations a day for violating the leash ordinance - which can cost a pet owner as much as $145.

Aggressive guide-dog encounters have recently drawn the eye of lawmakers nationwide. Last month a Cincinnati woman was sentenced to three months probation in violation of a leash law after her female mixed boxer attacked Ted Chism and his guide dog, Sparky, near the city.

Legislators in Ohio and Maryland began considering bills in January that could hit pet owners with felony charges or fines in the thousands of dollars if their animals attack a service dog.

In a highly specialized field where a guide dog can be decommissioned for everything from weak bones to a penchant for chasing squirrels, any serious attack can ruin a dog's confidence and make it too jumpy to work. Nearly half the young dogs that enter fail out of guide-dog training.

According to a survey by California-based Guide Dogs for the Blind, one of the nation's larger guide-dog schools, 31 percent of its graduates' dogs were attacked between 1996 and 1998. The school spends as much as $50,000 to breed a dog and train its owner.

"It's a growing problem," Louisville's McCarty said. "You hate to think about retiring a dog before its time."

National briefs

Bid to abolish prayer lost

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) The atheist who persuaded a federal appeals court to strike down the Pledge of Allegiance because of the words "under God" lost a bid Monday to abolish prayer at presidential inaugurations.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Michael Newdow did not suffer "a sufficiently concrete and specific injury" to pursue his latest claim.

Newdow is both an emergency room physician and a lawyer and has represented himself in the two legal actions.

Newdow argued that the Rev. Franklin Graham's prayer at President Bush's 2001 inauguration was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. He said the practice of clergy-led prayer at presidential inaugurations did not begin until Franklin D. Roosevelt's second inauguration in 1937.

In 2002, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit agreed with Newdow that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional when recited in public schools. The Supreme Court will hear the case next month.

Newdow challenged the pledge on behalf of his daughter, now 9, claiming she was wrongly being exposed to religion in public school.

The Sacramento man said he was unsure whether he would ask the high court to hear his challenge of inaugural prayer.

"I got other things on my mind at the moment," he said, referring to the pledge case, which Newdow himself will argue.

Sex offender info now online

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) Legislation that would place the names and pictures of convicted sex offenders on the Internet has passed the Senate.

The legislation, which now goes to the House, does not require that addresses of the offenders be listed. That information would be available, though, from local police departments.

"I think the important thing is that if it helps to save one or two lives, it's well worth it," said Sen. Richard Sears, D-Bennington, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sears said the step envisioned in the legislation was a middle ground compared to what other states have done. He said 44 other states use the Internet in one form or another.

"I would suggest that we're probably one of those that's taking a baby step in terms of the use of the Internet rather than a giant step," he said.

Sears said people need to keep in mind the limits of the proposed registry.

"I think it's important that people remember the registry only covers those who've been convicted," he said. "There are still sex offenders out there who've never been convicted or who've not complied with sex offender registries in their own states."

Brewery accident

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) A steam line ruptured at the Coors Brewery early Monday, sending three employees to the hospital.

The accident occurred around midnight, releasing steam into a nearby tunnel. Details on the employees' injuries were not released.

Brewery spokeswoman Laura Sankey said the steam leak had been contained and that the brewery would be at full production Monday.

The 400-pound steam line heats the brewery and the nearby Colorado School of Mines. The accident briefly shut down streets near the plant.

Helicopter program cancelled

WASHINGTON (AP) The Army has decided to cancel its Comanche helicopter program, a multi-billion project to build a new-generation chopper for armed reconnaissance missions, officials said Monday.

The contractors for Comanche are Boeing Co. and Sikorsky Aircraft Corp.

With about $8 billion already invested in the program, and the production line not yet started, the cancellation is one of the largest in the history of the Army. It follows the Pentagon's decision in 2002 to cancel the Crusader artillery program - against the wishes of Army leaders.

Pentagon officials said a public announcement was planned for Monday afternoon.

Loren Thompson, who follows aviation and other defense issues for the Lexington Institute think tank, said he believes the Army under new chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker favors ending the Comanche program, even though the service had been counting on it to provide a new reconnaissance capability.

"The Bush administration has now killed the two biggest Army weapons programs it inherited from the Clinton administration," Thompson said, referring to the Crusader and Comanche.

Eisner under fire

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) Michael Eisner, the embattled CEO of the Walt Disney Co., made a surprise visit to Disneyland to promote its latest attraction and deflect criticism that the company's parks have declined in recent years.

"The theme parks are in great management hands," Eisner said Saturday while attending the premiere of the new musical "Snow White."

"We have a lot of new attractions, like 'Snow White,' and we have a whole parade of new attractions coming for the 50th" anniversary of Disneyland, he said.

Eisner introduced the show to a crowd that included 250 children dressed in Snow White and dwarf costumes. He said "Snow White" - Disney's first animated feature film - and Mickey Mouse are the bedrock of the company.

Eisner declined to answer questions about his company's future or efforts by former board members Stanley Gold and Roy E. Disney to oust him.

The company also faces a hostile takeover bid from Philadelphia-based Comcast. On Feb. 11, the cable operator made the unsolicited bid, but Disney's board rejected the proposal, saying it would consider other bids while expressing strong support for current management.

INTERNATIONAL

Chechens say war is over, refugees still frightened

GROZNY, Russia (AP) The muddy road to Chechen President Akhmad Kadyrov's office runs through a war-pulverized factory complex, where a conveyor belt to a long-gone building vaults overhead like an unintended ceremonial arch.

"Welcome to Kadyrov's palace - good luck," says a Russian officer at a checkpoint.

In the fifth year of Russia's war against separatist rebels - the second war in Chechnya in a decade - the republic's ruined capital mixes deep fears and high hopes emblemized by the presidential office building.

Though not palatial, it is new and shiny, with staff tapping away at computers. But the surrounding rubble-strewn wasteland is tightly guarded as a necessary security buffer - the office is a couple of hundred yards from the government building destroyed in a suicide truck bombing.

Along the main streets, workers spruce up a few commercial establishments, painting the ground-floor exteriors of buildings whose upper stories are torn with huge holes from shelling. Old women with twig brooms diligently sweep sidewalks while soldiers a block away sweep for land mines.

The Kremlin does not give casualty figures, but an official in the Moscow-backed Chechen administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, says about a half-dozen Russian soldiers die in rebel attacks daily - many in Grozny's suburbs.

Kadyrov and the Kremlin say the war, per se, is over and it is safe for some 60,000 refugees to return.

Yakha Gavarova, a refugee in a muddy dismal tent camp in neighboring Ingushetia, disagrees.

"We're staying here, because we're afraid," she said.

The refugees worry about the countless land mines lurking under the roads and fields, and about getting caught in Russian "mopping-up" operations in which soldiers round up villagers to look for rebels and their supporters.

They especially fear the night, when gun-toting men in masks grab young men on the streets of Grozny.

Oleg Dashayev, 16, was coming home from an after-school soccer game and struggling with the lock on his house's gate when two men appeared.

"They had Kalashnikovs, and took my money ... at 6 o'clock in the evening," he said, shaking his head in disbelief.

Human rights groups blame many of these incidents on a security force commanded by Kadyrov's son, Ramzan, and allege he runs a private jail. The younger Kadyrov, meeting foreign journalists this month, strongly denied the allegations and later complained to Russian television that the reporters did not give enough attention to the state-funded sports complex - named in his honor - that he runs.

Although the refugees may be afraid, their options are narrowing. Russia has declared that the tent camps in Ingushetia, an embarrassing symbol of distrust in the government, will be closed within weeks. Gavarova's camp, which once held some 700 families, has shrunk to just 64 tents.

Many of the refugees live in temporary settlements such as derelict collective farms. Kris Janowski, spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, says gas supplies to at least 10 of those settlements have been cut in the past week and that water and electricity may be next to go.

Nearly 18,000 refugees have returned to Chechnya since the beginning of 2003, Russian officials say. Many of them were enticed back by offers of compensation for their destroyed homes of up to 350,000 rubles (US$11,500) per family - an enormous sum in Chechnya, where the typical monthly pay is about 3,000-5,000 rubles (US$100-170).

But the cash is slow to materialize.

Said-Emin Gaitayev, a 38-year-old auto mechanic, left a refugee camp for Grozny with his wife and three children six months ago. Since then, they have been stuck in a one-time dormitory, crammed into one room with a single bed, hauling water up five floors in buckets. The only toilet is a reeking outhouse.

"They promise me money, but I haven't seen it. I don't know what the problem is," he said.

Akhmad Kadyrov admits the payments have been slow, but says that is because he is working hard to make sure the money does not fall into unscrupulous hands. So far, some 1,600 families have been compensated, said Usman Erikhanov, director of Chechnya's only functioning bank, sitting in his office with shrapnel-shattered windows.

Despite the frustrations, Gaitayev does not entirely regret his return.

"This is our land. You can't live in a tent your whole life," he said proudly.

Isa Khalidov is delighted to be back. He pockets as much as 600 rubles (US$20) a day snapping souvenir pictures in a newly built downtown park, where scores of people lingered on a freezing day, enjoying the uncharacteristic civic amenity.

"Life's great," he said eagerly. "I can eat, and that's all you need to be happy."

In her Ingushetia camp, Gavarova, who is in her 40s, does not buy the arguments for coming back.

"I want to go to any other country in the world," she said. "Give me just US$1,000 and I'll go anywhere."

International briefs

Soldiers suspended

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Seventeen U.S. soldiers have been suspended of duties pending the outcome of the investigation into alleged allegations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners, a U.S. officer said Monday.

The 17 include a battalion commander and a company commander, Col. William Darley said. He gave no further details.

Last month, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, ordered a criminal investigation into reports of abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison on the western outskirts of Baghdad.

The announcement followed allegations by Amnesty International and former prisoners of harsh treatment of detainees arrested by U.S. and coalition forces since the Iraq war began last March.

The coalition is believed to be holding more than 12,000 detainees for various offenses, including attacks on U.S. and allied troops. Last month, three U.S. Army reservists were discharged for abuse of prisoners at the Camp Bucca detention center in southern Iraq.

Long-range missle testing

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) Pakistan will test fire a long-range missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, a government official said Monday.

Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri declined to specify when the test would take place or the range of the Shaheen series missile.

The announcement comes less than a week after Pakistan and India agreed to resume peace talks. The South Asian nuclear rivals nearly went to war in 2002 over the disputed border region of Kashmir, the source of two of three previous wars between them.

In an apparent effort to allay Indian fears, Kasuri reiterated the government's public position that its missile development program was for defense only.

Pakistan routinely conducts missile tests.

Last year, it test fired the Shaheen 1, which has a range of about 440 miles, putting India's capital, New Delhi, in range.

German power plants to close

BERLIN (AP) German officials are discussing the possibility of speeding up the closure of nuclear power plants because of terrorism concerns, the Environment Ministry said Monday.

A government regulator raised the issue in a weekend newspaper interview, questioning whether five older German nuclear plants could withstand a terrorist attack by air. The nuclear safety official, Wolfram Koenig, cited a confidential expert report compiled in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Germany plans to phase out nuclear power by about 2020. Asked whether some of the 18 plants might close sooner than planned, an Environment Ministry spokesman said "we are in discussion with the states about these questions."

In Germany, the states oversee safety at nuclear power plants.

The expert report came to light when Koenig, the head of the Federal Office for Radiation Protection, was quoted in the Berliner Zeitung daily as saying the older plants should be closed "ahead of time."

Schroeren said power companies might be able to transfer the lost capacity to newer plants so as to spare them financial losses.

A ministry statement Sunday said the country's 16 states had been asked to look into the issue, and that some had suggested the idea of clouding reactors in smoke to obscure them if a threat arises. A study is underway to see if that would enhance security, the statement said.

Conservatives reclaim parliment

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) Conservatives formally reclaimed control of parliament Monday following disputed elections boycotted by reformists who called the vote a "historical fiasco" in which Iranians had no free choice.

Candidates considered loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers took at least 149 places in the 290-seat parliament, which has been controlled by pro-reform lawmakers since their landslide win four years ago.

That puts conservatives past the 146-seat benchmark for a clear majority. Reformers and self-described independents had taken about 65 seats. The final count is expected Tuesday.

The conservative victory was already expected even before Friday's elections. Reformers widely boycotted the vote after more than 2,400 liberal candidates were banned from running.

The nationwide turnout stood at slightly more than 50 percent. But in the capital, Tehran, 33 percent of voters turned out, the Interior Ministry said. It was a noticeable drop from the 67.2 percent in the last parliament elections in 2000.

Land mine project in action

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) An American veterans group will participate in a US$6 million dollar project to assess land mines and unexploded ordnance in Vietnam, nearly 30 years after the Vietnam War ended, a member said Monday.

Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation President Bobby Muller is expected to sign an agreement with Vietnam's Ministry of Defense on Wednesday, said a local staff member from the group.

The veterans will assist in trying to map out and locate land mines and unexploded ordnance in three central provinces, where accidental deaths still regularly occur.

The project - funded by the U.S. State Department - was approved by Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai, and is expected to eventually extend nationwide, she said.

Initial research will delve into both U.S. and Vietnamese defense department archives to review combat records. Field work will then begin to determine where leftover ordnance remains in the Quang Tri, Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces.

A similar survey was released last year by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in one district in Quang Tri province, the site of the former demilitarized zone. UNICEF was also involved in assessment efforts in the province.

Both projects found that villagers are often maimed or killed by land mines and unexploded ordnance left over from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975.

SPORTS

Titans defeat Bethany and secure home court advantage

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, February 21st, the Westminster Titans men's basketball team defeated the Bethany Bison, 99-95, to become the President's Athletic Conference regular season champions.

With the win, the Titans improved to 8-2 in conference play. As the PAC champs, the Titans clinched the number one seed in the PAC tournament, earning home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

"This season was obviously the tale of two seasons," junior forward Pat O'Connor said. "This season was full of a little of everything and that has made it that much more enjoyable."

In PAC play, the Titans swept Bethany, the Thiel Tomcats, and the Washington & Jefferson Presidents, while splitting season series' with the Grove City Wolverines and the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

The Titans only home loss in conference play came at the hands of Waynesburg, who defeated the Titans on Saturday, February 14th by a score of 94-88.

"I think the big thing for us is knowing that we earned home court advantage," junior guard Chris Hatch said. "It's [playing at home] going to be a great atmosphere and we're looking forward to it."

Against PAC opponents at home season, Westminster tallied four victories and a lone defeat. At home, the Titans are averaging 93.2 points per game, while yielding only 91.8.

The closeness of averages evidences the Titans philosophy this season.

The Titans meteoric rise began as we ushered in 2004 and the squad adopted a new philosophy. As the calendar changed and PAC play began, the Titans rallied off six straight in conference wins.

And though several Titans were recognized for their individual efforts throughout the course of the conference season, the 2003-2004 campaign has been a total team effort.

Ultimately, the Titans enter the PAC tournament as a different team that entered the conference regular season.

With an air of collected calm and confidence, the Titans enter conference play as the top-seed.

An outright PAC title would cement what has truly been a remarkable season. Remarkable, not because of recent success, but because the Titan cagers were able to overcome early season struggles to earn an opportunity to be called champions.

"There is a little bit of a swagger [to this team]," Hatch said. "I think it comes from expecting to win every time we step on the court, which isn't exactly the attitude earlier in the season."

photo by Willis Bretz

Junior guard Chris Hatch drives to the hoop against the Bethany defense.

O'Connor echoed Hatch's sentiments: "We do our thing and make other teams change to our style. That's our strength, making every team try to simulate what we will do to them for 40 minutes."

The Titans tip-off on Thursday, February 26th at 7:30 as they host the PAC semifinal round.

In the event of a Titan victory, they'd play host the PAC title game, which would tip-off at 7:30 at Buzz Rydl Gymnasium.

NFL season does not end until after draft

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

It's not as exciting as the regular season, but it's pretty darn close. Most NFL teams have been at home since late December, but all thirty-two teams have been waiting for the upcoming weeks. These are the times that make the NFL off-season so exciting: trades, roster cuts, free agent signing, the combine, and NFL draft discussion. The best part about the NFL is that the season really doesn't end until after the NFL Draft. Day after day, the top headlines in the sports world are still related to football.

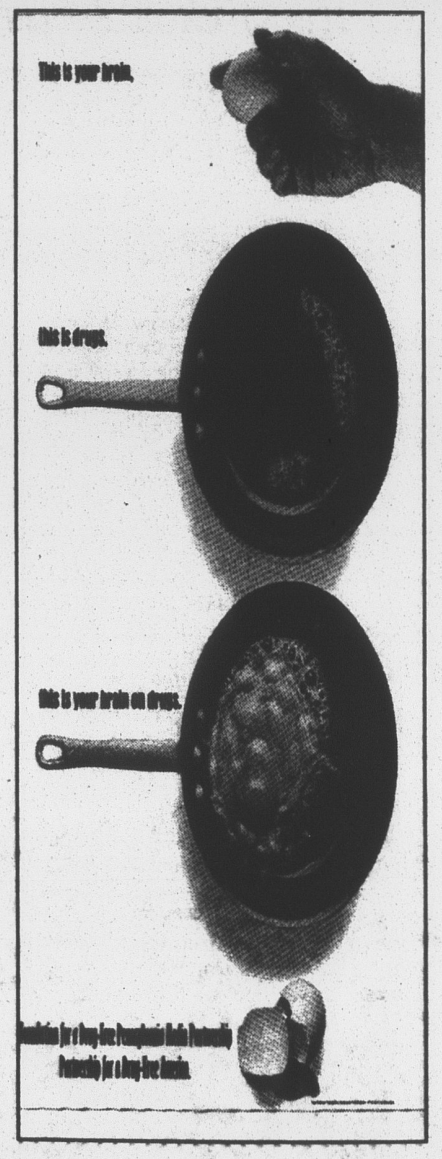
The end of February is when the fun really begins. The NFL combine was held in Indianapolis this past week, and March 1st is the day when teams can begin their off-season acquisitions.

So with that in mind, what direction will Pittsburgh go this off-season? The money situation for the Steelers will be very tight. As of right now, they are approximately 3 million over the cap, so that poses quite a problem. The good news for Steelers fans however, is reports have indicated that veteran players such as Jerome Bettis and Joey Porter will restructure their contracts so they can remain in Pittsburgh. Those restructured contracts will probably clear up a couple million dollars, but that still leaves the Steelers over the 2004 cap limit. Clearly some cuts will have to be made.

Amos Zereoue will probably be the first to go. There's really no sense in keeping him anymore. He didn't prove that he can be starter in the league and he's not the answer in the steel city. Pittsburgh will be addressing their running back situation in the draft. The big question however, is what round will they address it in? There has been a lot of speculation about whether or not the Steelers will go after a running back in the first round. Stephen Jackson of Oregon State and Kevin Jones of Virginia Tech are the only two candidates worthy of the #11 pick. But will the Steelers really use that high of a pick on a running back? Previous drafts have shown us that you can easily find running back help in the later rounds. That may be so, but if the Steelers opt not to spend a high draft pick on a running back, that means Jerome Bettis will likely be there opening day starter come September. While Bettis is an adequate back, he's not getting any younger, and he certainly isn't the long-term answer in Pittsburgh. Zereoue will get cut due to cap reasons; and Pittsburgh really doesn't have the money to go after a "big name" running back in free agency, so that almost forces the Steelers to draft a running back in the early rounds.

With all this talk about running backs, we can't forget about the Steelers defensive backfield issues. That's right, for about the fifth year in a row the Steelers again have not addressed the secondary (I don't count last year's #1 pick because that was a horrible move by the Steelers organization). It's a shame that the Steelers have absolutely no money to sign any marquee free agents this off-season, because there will be a lot of good cornerbacks on the market. Once again, the Steelers will have to rely on the draft to help their secondary woes. The 2004 draft class has some decent cornerback prospects in it. Chris Gamble and DeAngelo Hall are at the top of the wish list for corners. However, the Steelers will be able to pick up a very solid defensive back in the middle-to-late first round. So that poses a good question: why not just trade down? A very interesting scenario would be to trade down with a team like New England (who has two 1st round picks) or even someone like San Francisco who's sitting at #15. The Patriots have the ability to make a move up the draft board because of all the picks they have, and have expressed interest in Stephen Jackson. San Francisco would like to move up as well. The 49ers need a replacement for Terrell Owens and would like to jump in front of the Jets and Bills to try and snag Reggie Williams.

Either trade would be beneficial to the Steelers. They would obviously get more picks, which would enable them to fill more holes. Pittsburgh does have many areas to address. But with smart drafting and good off-season acquisitions, the Steelers can bounce back from that dreadful 2003 campaign they had.



Calendar of Events

Friday. February 27
11:40 am Chapel
Jubilee Conference at Pittsburgh Hilton
4:30 pm M Tennis @ John Carroll
6:00 pm W Basketball @ Semifinal Game, PAC Tournament @ Bethany (WV)
8:00 pm CPC Presents Kivi Rogers (comedian) – MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
10:00 pm - 2:00 am Titan's Tavern — MCC Club and Berlin Lounge

Saturday, February 28
Jubilee Conference at Pittsburgh Hilton
2:00 pm W Basketball @ PAC Tournament in Bethany, WV
Ski Club Trip to Peek 'N Peak (Leave from Field House at 2:00 pm)
3:00 pm Student Vocal Recital: Sara Kimbell — Chapel
7:00 pm Mass
A win at the Men's Basketball on 2/26 game will result in:
7:30 pm M Basketball Basketball PAC Tournament Championship Game — Buzz Ridl Gym
PCMEA Variety Show – Orr Auditorium

Sunday, February 29
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Locks of Love — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
8:30 pm Chapel Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm W.A.I.L. (Westminster Alliance for Innocent Life) Meeting — MCC255

Monday,March 1
11:40 am Chapel
5:00 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, March 2
File 2004 FAFSA
Noon to 6:00 pm All-Campus Blood Drive – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
12:30 pm Faculty Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Wednesday, March 3
11:40 am Faculty Forum – MCC 219
4:30 pm Who's Who Reception — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship

Thursday, March 4
6:15 pm Kappa Delta Pi Meeting — MCC 219
6:30 pm SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents "Devil's Desciple" — Beeghly Theater
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Kudos to the awesome girl who swiped me her dine dollars at 10:05 pm when meals are no longer available!

Maybe if the Orchard St. Cafe stops ripping off students with food prices, I'd stop stealing the cookies. Mwahahahaha...

Are the gates half closed or half open?

I just shot pickle juice up my nose.

I am the Alpha Figure

I found myself addicted to a green cat toy

Bye-bye snow

I bought these chips because I was attracted by the bug thrusting its abdomen.

The Dance Team rocks my socks

Bottle of Justus rocks!

Why do they put all the good programs on one night and bore me to death the others!

Holcad, find me a roommate.

When was the last time the intramural gym floor was cleaned? 1852?

There's no paper at the Rant & Rave box!

My soulmate is in Tanzania

I'm giving up homework for Lent.

Where's Tanzania?

I spy, with my little eye, something RED.

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Our View: Open Thank You Letter

This letter goes out to those select members of our community who go out of their way to make the campus experience truly unique. That's right; this letter is going out to all the idiots. This is your thank you letter.

Thank you for pulling the fire alarm at 3 in the morning. That joke never gets old. Everyone loves being woken up to an ear splitting "WUAHH, WUAHH, WUAHH!" That noise stirs something deep in our gut not unlike absolute hatred. Plus, it is impossible to fully appreciate the mid winter wind until you are standing in subzero weather wearing nothing but boxers and a night shirt.

Thank you for writing your witticisms in the bathroom stalls. Doing our business would be so boring if we were not able to read the latest news scrawled in sharpie marker across the toilet paper dispenser. Without you, we would be unaware of sexual preferences of the many Greek organizations and other students on campus. You are obviously well trained sociologists if you are able to make such sweeping statements about a large group of people, most of whom you probably don't even know.

On the subject of bathrooms, thank you to those men who feel the stairwells are their urinals. Sunday mornings are always bright and cheerful when you walk out through that exceptional aroma.

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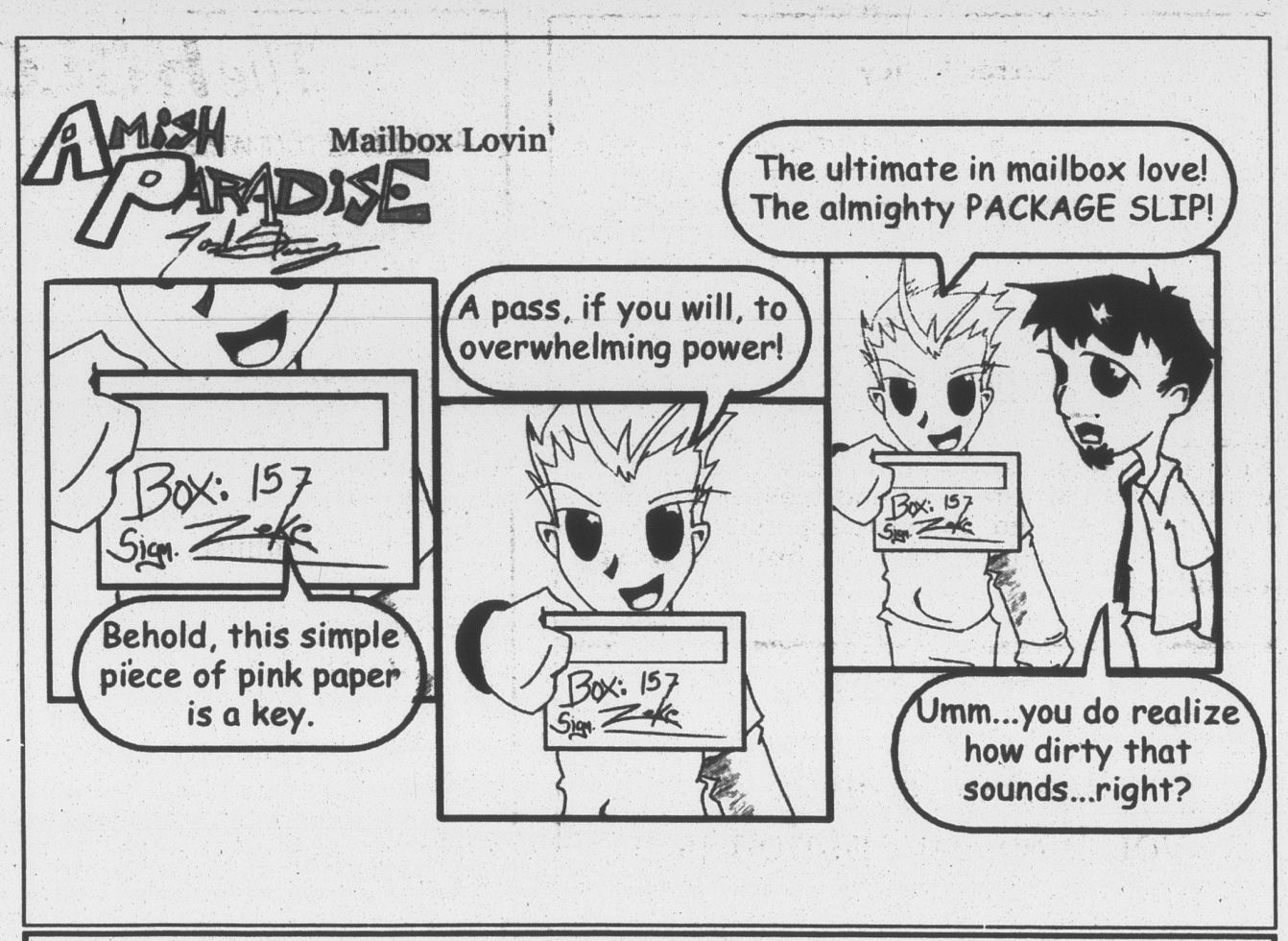
A special seasonal thank you goes out to the enterprising man or woman who takes time out of his or her busy day to draw large male reproductive organs in the snow.

Thank you very much to the people out there who ruin it for everyone else. You know who you are. You are the ones who stock up on their weeks munchie rations by smuggling five cheese burgers and an entire box of Kit Kats out of the TUB and then complain that the gates are half closed. You are the ones who start fights at parties and wreck innocent neighbors yards at five in the morning and then complain when somebody calls the police.

Thank you to the throw backs who feel their skin color or sexual preference allows them to subjugate anyone who does not act or look like they do. Thank you for reminding us that evil does exist.

Thank you to all the students who act like spoiled five-year-olds. Thank you for proving Darwin right. Without you the cause for evolution would be in serious trouble.



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No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: NAFTA or Not

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

This week, Rich and I decided to explore the wonderful world of free trade. In case you don't know, the theory of free trade is that when you open your borders and create trade friendly environments between other nations (in this case, Canada and Mexico), better goods at lower prices are available to the consumer. NAFTA, signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, was one of the few things Clinton did right. This created an open and flowing market in the North America in which goods are exchanged without tariffs or barriers. But is this a good thing? The answer, my intelligent colleagues, is yes. Allow me to explain.

First off, the US must remain competitive in the economic market. People talk like NAFTA is the only free trade agreement in the world. Most countries, especially our big economic rivals in Europe, have developed their own free trade agreements. Look at the European Union, for example. Between those 15 countries is an open border, creating cheap trade for all member states to enjoy. Also, Japan and other Asian markets have skyrocketed, leaving US products to descend from its once undeniable superiority. The US cannot tolerate its own goods being shut out by such agreements, so we might as well beat them at their own game. And what better place to do it than with our neighbors to the north and south, Canada and Mexico.

Critics of NAFTA claim that its policies have cost Americans millions of jobs, and that it prompts corporations to move to third world countries and pay their workers low wages. They would rather that we raise tariffs in order to protect American jobs. But on the contrary, NAFTA has actually CREATED jobs. In the first three years of NAFTA, unemployment rates dropped by almost three percent while 12 million jobs were created. One area that has been particularly blessed is agriculture, with exports to both nations exceeding to an increase of $4 billion since NAFTA was created. Most importantly, according to a recent USA Today article, free trade has increased the average American's income by approximately $2,000. NAFTA is just sounding better by the minute. On a side note, do you think the Democrats ever stopped and thought that NAFTA might have been the reason why the economy was so swell under the Clinton administration? Food for thought.

As for corporations moving south for cheaper wages, this isn't the fault of NAFTA, this is the doing of good old capitalism. Businesses will always go where goods can be manufactured at the lowest price, and hey, Taiwan is all over it. NAFTA simply makes these goods more accessible to the American public. However, NAFTA has taken steps to address the issue of workers' rights with the creation of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation, a side agreement in which the participating countries must strictly adhere to their own labor laws. But in all honesty, this is not the responsibility of NAFTA, this is the responsibility of each nation to protect its own people.

And come on now, we have to be a little selfish. Free trade gives us, the consumers, better prices on our favorite goods! We're in college! We're poor! Cheap goods are a godsend to us! College students should definitely be supportive of NAFTA on this reason alone.

So in review, let's see what NAFTA has done for us: cheaper goods, higher incomes, more jobs, and a key spot in the foreign market. Hmm, I'm not finding many negative consequences here. Face it, in a "shrinking" world, by which I mean our economic dependence on one another and the strength in communication, free trade is a necessity.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

This week's topic, though not necessarily considered a "hot topic" of debate in most political circles; is nonetheless an important and encompassing issue. When NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) was signed into law in 1993, the United States, America and Mexico hoped it would prove to be a rising tide that would "lift all boats". All three nations, through the ratification of NAFTA, agreed to remove most trade and investment barriers over a course of several years; which would eventually result in a near-free trade throughout the northwestern hemisphere. In addition to free trade, NAFTA sought to promote development, foster innovation and enhance competitiveness. However, ten years after its ratification many are beginning to ask whether this "grand experiment called NAFTA" was successful or not.

The first major complaint that most have with NAFTA has to do with the effect it has had on American jobs; specifically those in "blue-collar" manufacturing industries. For years many argued about how much of an impact NAFTA truly made on our economy, however, recent studies suggests that NAFTA may have cost Americans approximately 110,000 jobs per year. When you add those numbers up, these studies suggest that since its conception, NAFTA has cost the United States more than 1.5 million jobs.

Now if losing jobs for average hard working Americans isn't enough to irritate you, I suggest you investigate exactly where those jobs are displaced. Many of the careers the US lost from NAFTA were simply moved to Mexico. Thus, for example, instead of General Motors paying some employee $10.00 an hour, they simply moved to Mexico and paid someone (potentially a child) 10 cents per hour.

Now first off this offends me morally; we are condemning human beings to potentially dangerous sweat-shops, while paying them nothing and doing little, if anything, to help better their society. I thought that one of NAFTA's main goals was to "promote development"! A very wise man once said "Whatever you do unto the least of my people, you do unto me...".

However, even with this argument many argue that this is simply how capitalism works; that manufacturing is cheaper and thus the price is cheaper. This, however, may be a fallacy. Over the last 50 years, after inflation, the average American's income has risen approximately 10 to 15 percent. On the other hand the average salary for a CEO has gone up nearly 3000%. Finally, we must ask ourselves if prices after NAFTA are substantially lower than before NAFTA (adjusting for inflation and the strength of the dollar). Most of the studies cited earlier seem to indicate that it is not we, the average Americans, who are saving money from NAFTA but rather the CEOs and corporations who are making out like bandits.

For those of you who question the true impact of treaties such as NAFTA and the WTO (the World Trade Organization; which is another article in itself), I merely ask you to view the movie "Roger and Me" by Michael Moore. While the movie does not directly implicate or address NAFTA, the situation of deportation of jobs and the subsequent economic effects are very similar.

Thus we have created a system that out sources American jobs, while simply making the wealthy of our nation wealthier and the poor of other nations poorer. All of this, it should be noted, is done at the expense of average Americans and in our name.

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At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Oscar Predictions

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

In case you haven't heard, the Oscars are this Sunday and we are a tad bit excited. Okay, we're REALLY excited. In lieu of reviewing a film this week, we are giving you our predictions on who will take home the golden guy on Oscar night.

In general, this Oscar season has been extremely unpredictable, however, some big favorites has begun to emerge. This is the case in the Supporting Actor category as Tim Robbins has won most precursor awards and is the odds on favorite to win. Del Toro won recently and won't be a contender here. Hounsou and Watanabe don't have the name recognition and more people have seen Alec Baldwin in the tabloids than in The Cooler in the past few months. Predictions: Tom: Robbins Chris: Robbins Spoiler: Hounsou.

Zellweger's scene stealing performance in Cold Mountain has become the big favorite in the Supporting Actress category, especially following her close loss last year. Hunter and Harden are previous winners and will not likely contend. Patricia Clarkson is awesome in Pieces of April but it was barely seen. Aghdashloo has the type of role that wins Oscars, however the force of Zellweger is too strong. Predictions: T: Zellweger C: Zellweger Spoiler: Aghdashloo.

If you have followed any of the Oscar race at all, you should have clearly heard about Charlize Theron's amazing performance in Monster. She is the frontrunner, however recent support for Keisha Castle-Hughes in Whale Rider is providing some competition. Keaton could also contend, but her film seems too light. Morton and Watts should just be happy with their nominations. Predictions: T: Theron C: Theron Spoiler: Castle-Hughes.

The Best Actor race has been completely changing especially after the Screen Actors Guild Award win for Johnny Depp. It has now turned into a three-way race between comedic veteran Murray, drama veteran Penn, and the popular Depp. Law and Kingsley stand no chance. They are along for the ride. All three of the frontrunners are neck and neck, therefore, we really can't say any would be an upset so here are our predictions. T: Murray (hoping for Depp) C: Depp Spoiler: none really.

The contest for Best Picture and Director are really one in the same. Not since the Titanic sweep, has there been this little suspense over who will win. The clear victor will be The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King for picture and Peter Jackson for directing this epic. Coppola will win for writing and Eastwood has already won an Oscar, therefore Jackson's path is clear. Any other outcome would be a monumental upset.

Academy Award Predictions

Director prediction: T & C: Jackson *Spoiler:* Coppola.
Picture prediction: T & C: ROTK *Spoiler:* Mystic River or Lost in Translation.

Other Categories:
Adapted Screenplay: T & C: Mystic River *S:* ROTK
Original Screenplay: T & C: Lost in Translation *S:* In America
Animate Feature: T & C: Finding Nemo *S:* none
Cinematography: T: Seabiscuit C: Master & Commander *S:* Cold Mountain
Score: T: Finding Nemo C: ROTK *S:* Cold Mountain
Song: T & C: ROTK *S:* A Mighty Wind
Sound: T & C: ROTK *S:* Master & Commander
Sound Editing: T & C: Pirates of the Caribbean *S:* Master & Commander
Visual Effects: T & C: ROTK *S:* Pirates of the Caribbean
Makeup: T & C: ROTK *S:* Pirates of the Caribbean
Art Direction: T & C: ROTK *S:* Seabiscuit
Costume Design: T & C: ROTK *S:* Girl with a Pearl Earring
Film Editing: T & C: ROTK *S:* City of God
Foreign Film: T & C: The Barbarian Invasions *S:* Evil

Post-Oscar films to fill the void

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

This Sunday is the Holy Grail to the Hollywood elite. And Christmas for people like Tom and Chris. However, other than the controversial Mel Gibson movie, this time of year isn't known for the best of films. Fear not, for I have done the research for you and found some quasi-quality movies hitting theaters in the next month. So get out your planners and make a date with Tad Hamilton.

Bear with me, boys, because first up is Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights. I'd like to pretend that this is an effort to prove that Johnny and Baby's Romeo and Juliet-esque romance from the original film is universal. Unfortunately I'm not good with idealism. Some rather smart producers are cashing in on the cult like element of Dirty Dancing and are hoping to pull nostalgic twenty-something's and their little sisters into the theaters. The time period, 1958 Cuba, lots of political turmoil, is an interesting and promising choice, the lead actors are young and cute, and there's a Patrick Swayze cameo. You know if you're a part of the target audience. Use your own discretion.

On the weekend of March 5, prepare to put on your bellbottoms and platforms. Yes, kids. Starsky and Hutch. Most people are considering the cast and crew to a comedic dream team. Directed by Todd Phillips, the man behind Old School, and staring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Juliette Lewis, and your friend and mine, Snoop Dogg, as an informant named Huggy Bear. Huggy Bear! I digress. Starsky and Hutch is a remake of one of those quality '70s cop shows, complete with polyester, feathered hair, and soundtrack so heavy in funk. I would see this just for Vince Vaughn. There's just something about his dry, deadpan humor that I really like.

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Opening just in time for spring break (and we all know the distributors did that just for us), is Secret Window, starring Johnny Depp and John Turturro. This is based on a Stephen King novella, and directed and adapted by David Koepp, who has done the screenplay for Spiderman, Panic Room, and Stir of Echoes. The story is rather basic - a writer specializing in thrillers, is accused of plagiarism by a man who seems less than stable and wants some vengeance, post haste. I think the combination of two great character actors like Depp and Tuturro is what will make this movie. I saw the trailer a few weeks ago, and it scared the crap out of me. And if a trailer can throw me off guard, you know you're in business.

Also opening on the 12th, is the teen comedy, The Girl Next Door. Featuring relative newcomers Emile Hirsch (Mandy Moore's secret twin brother? I think so.), and Elisha Cutberth (on FOX's 24), it's the charming story of boy meets girl, girl turns out be porn star, wackiness ensues. This movie could go to some very bad places, but early reviews claim it's more silly than raunchy and almost sweet. Um, sure. I just like that there's an actor in the movie named Tim Olyphant. That has to be the greatest last name ever.

I will probably frequent the dollar theater over break, though. Maybe I'll finally get to see Elf.

Grammys vs. Oscars

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

The Grammys have came and went and I was pissed off and didn't say anything about it, because I felt that I had already complained enough about Janet Jackson and people getting all crazy over a little bit of booby.

Here is my problem; the Grammys have become totally commercialized. There are a few people out there that think that the Oscars have become commercialized, but there are on the fringe. The majority of the people you hear complaining about the Oscars complain about how movies they've never heard of win, and they want more "mainstream" movies to win all the time.

My personal opinion is that is precisely what makes the Oscar a well respected, artistically relevant award. The Grammys on the other hand have almost no diversity, no artists "come from out of nowhere" and are brought to the spotlight without the help of a huge record label backing them and millions of dollars in CD and concert revenue to drive their carriers. Many movies we now know and love were "discovered" by the general public only after they received an Oscar, this is yet another

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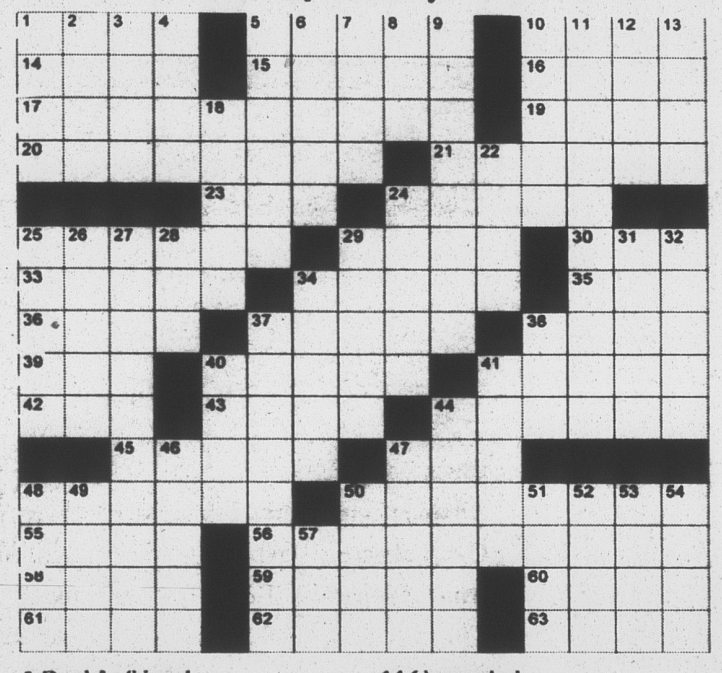
By Ed Canty



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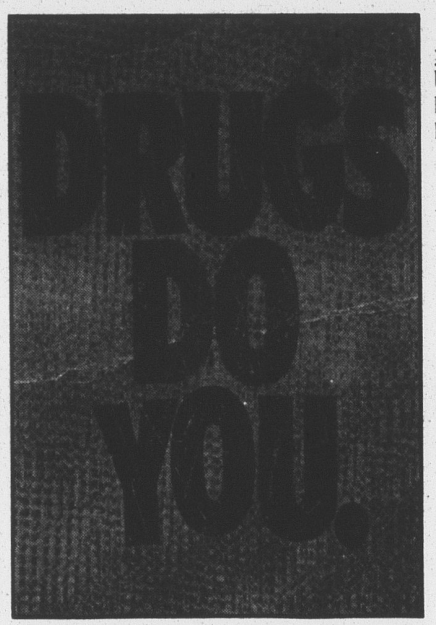


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move for you in the very near future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance; take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may not be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Juggle your funds to the best of your abilities; you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will probably be quite costly. Emphasize what you have in your life that brings you enjoyment and satisfaction.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuitive hunches are right on, so don't justify them away. Emotions which have been held in check for some time need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion - things aren't so bad.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. Is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace - you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

FEATURE

Coffee Corner

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Cafe Critic

Walk in, and Frank Sinatra is crooning love songs as light conversation filters in from the corners. The scent of coffee lingers gently in the air, sometimes replaced by chocolate or raspberry. Glass doors keep out the noise from the world outside, and all that's left is a comfy little coffee house called Mugsies.

Usually, something as small as a coffee shop in a college town wouldn't be considered real news, but it's a monumental occasion to the students of Westminster. Until now, the only place in town to hang out after dusk was Pizza Joe's, and while pizza is nice, it certainly isn't everything. With the introduction of Mugsies, there's some variety to New Wilmington's newly-found nightlife.

Mugsies doesn't just add variety - it also adds comfortable chairs and couches, enjoyable background music, and the best hot chocolate I've ever tasted. There are even chessboards so that you don't have to be idle while chatting with a friend. It's a place that the students have wanted for years.

Students like sophomore Leah Zachewicz longed for a quieter place off-campus to spend their time. "You get so bored here. I can either be in my room, in my friend's room, or in the campus center, but it gets old real fast." Zachewicz thinks that Mugsies provides a wonderful environment for discussion. "The coffee shop lets us have a more mature hangout where we can have quiet conversations, and it's less of a goof-off place like the TUB."

Evidence shows that there's more to a coffee house than the drinks it serves or the seats it provides. Along with the concept of a coffee shop comes the long-standing stereotype of the beat poet chanting philosophical lines while sipping a café au lait. Of open mic nights with up-and-coming guitarists and haunting lyricists. It's a feeling of a laid-back atmosphere where time no longer matters and one is left with more than enough time to think about life.

"This town needed something," said co-owner Karen DiMuccio. Karen and her husband had been looking for something to start, some sort of enterprise to call their own, when the idea of a coffee shop came to mind. Once the plans were laid, what once was an old antique store became a coffee shop in record time.

Just like every other café and restaurant, the Mugsies counter is manned by everyday people. But you don't call these people waiters or bartenders - they're baristas. What's the difference? "A bartender is to alcohol as a barista is to coffee," Karen explains.

Sara Kimbell, a barista, realized that Mugsies would be the perfect place to work for her. "I love the atmosphere," said Kimbell. "When a customer greets you by name, it makes you feel special. It feels like family."

Co-worker Sarah Kramer agrees. "I wanted to work at Mugsies because I worked in a coffee house at home, and it was my favorite job." Kramer enjoys learning the dynamics of a coffee house, and she's proud of the work she does. "I'm proud of my espresso drinks. It sounds corny, but it's true."

Even those who hate coffee can still find something to like at Mugsies. For instance, there's the Frescante, an Italian milkshake that comes in a huge variety of flavors, from simple chocolate to caramel or even peach. The shop also offers lunch foods, from turkey and swiss sandwiches to chicken ceasar wraps. Every day is another featured soup, and the dessert list exceeds most restaurants.

The hot drinks, such as mochas and chai lattes, are the perfect things to warm up with on these cold winter days. Phil the groundhog may have decided on six more weeks of winter, but those chilly evenings are easily melted away inside of Mugsies' warm atmosphere.

Everybody has a favorite at Mugsies. While Kramer's favorite drink is a hazelnut mocha (with whole milk and whipped cream), Kimbell stands firmly behind her favorite. "Café mocha breve with a shot of crème brule - it's like dessert in a cup."

When asked what she would recommend to anybody, Karen had to think for a long time before replying, "Chicken salad, because I have it just about everyday for lunch."

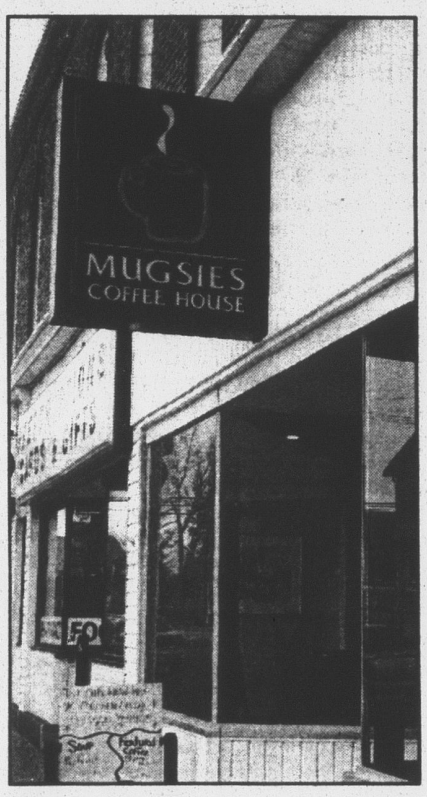
Zachewicz agrees with her on drink selections. "The Frescantes are amazing."

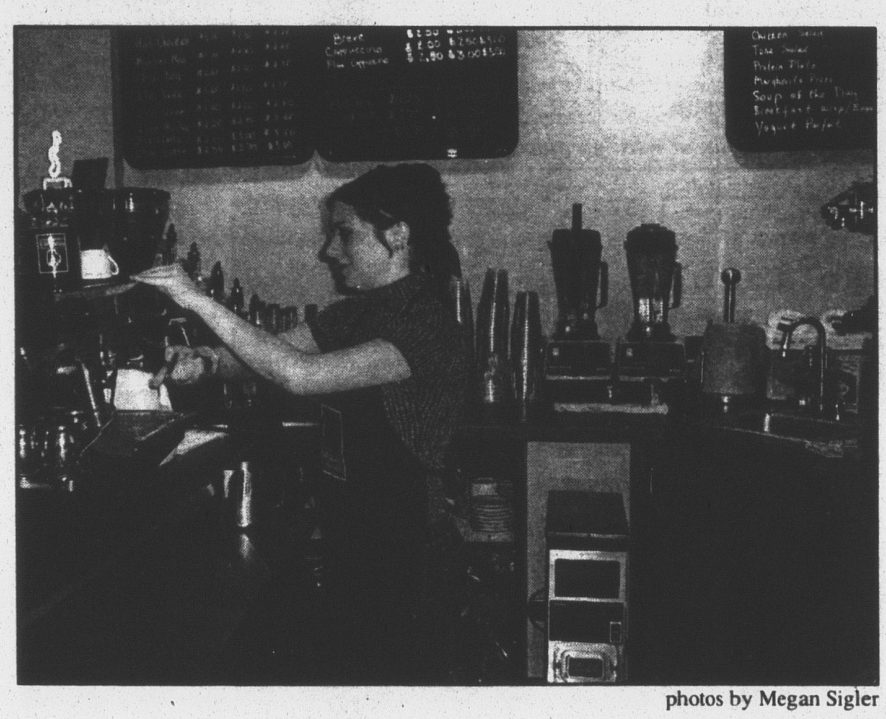
No matter what your favorite is, the fact is that Mugsies is here to stay. "This place is a timeless place for anyone," Karen said, and I agree.

And I also recommend the hot chocolate. Seriously. It's awesome.

photo by Erin Gray

Owner Bo DiMuccio showcases his delectable pastries.





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Senior Sara Kimbell pours espresso shots behind the bar.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Gay Marriage

by Drew Huston
News Editor

I won't make any attempt to soften my view on this issue, because I don't believe that this should be diminished in any way. The issue of gay marriage is sprouting up all over the country, and recently, the President himself, paragon of tolerance and compassion that he is, has publicly supported a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting marriage between gay couples. This is morally and democratically reprehensible in numerous ways. There is not much more to be said about it - it is wrong. Period. As Martin Luther King wrote in his letter from Birmingham Jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Preventing gay and lesbian couples from having their freedoms is sorely unjust. Such an Amendment to the Constitution takes for granted the assumption that being gay is a choice. Talk to any gay person, and you will learn that it is not a choice, pure and simple. Taking away someone's fundamental rights - something we do to criminals because they choose to break the law - because they are homosexual, something that they do not choose to be, is contradictory and wrong - both morally and constitutionally. That is, if the proponents of that Amendment respect the Constitution at all. Such a process is discriminatory - akin to preventing African-American couples from marrying because they are black.

So why is it wrong? Well, let's look at the philosophy that much of the independence of our great country was based upon - that of John Locke. Locke believed in a society where "life, liberty, and property" were certain unalienable human rights. Thomas Jefferson took the idea and ran with it, coining the maxim that we're all so familiar with - "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That is the first reason that not allowing gay marriages is morally wrong - we are not letting GLBT couples have the basic human rights that we founded this country on.

Another reason - there is absolutely no moral argument that can be made, especially on religious grounds, that cannot be countered by using the same sources. Yes, I'm talking about the Bible. Advocates against gay marriage frequently state that the Bible plainly says that being gay is wrong and a sin. Okay. A very scholarly paper I read states, "Leviticus 18:22 states that "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death; their blood is upon them." These laws were part of Israel's holiness code, which also includes not eating meat with blood in it, not wearing garments made of two kinds of yarn, not planting fields with two kinds of seed, not to be tattooed, and other sexual matters including bestiality, incest, adultery, and sexual intercourse with a women during menstruation. All of these holiness codes were not intended for all of society, but they were solely meant to differentiate between Israelites and Gentiles. These laws were ceremonial laws, not moral and ethical laws."

The Bible also says fornication (sex before marriage) is a sin (Romans 13:13-14; I Corinthians 6:13, 18; Colossians 3:5). How many people on this campus are guilty of that? The Bible also says that stealing is a sin (Deuteronomy 5:19). Obviously, with the TUB's new configuration as a POW camp-like facility, stealing isn't a problem on this campus. The Bible also says that we should not hold up anything before God - we should not be idolaters. That's the first commandment (Deuteronomy 5:7)! How many people watched the Super Bowl instead of going to Vespers? How many people would skip church to go to a concert? The Bible also has lots of anti-woman statements in it, as well ("...A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period...She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over" - Leviticus 12: 2-5; oh, and let's not forget that the Bible blames a woman for the fall of humanity from grace in the Garden of Eden). Any Christian can tell you that the Bible isn't necessarily the most equal-opportunity-minded text, at least in the realm of sex.

My point is that the Bible says a lot of things, and when you use it to argue for or against something, the odds are that someone will be able to use the Bible to argue against you with just as much authority. In many ways, the Bible is a self-contradicting thing if you take it literally. So, take it for what it is - a book of teachings that culminate in love. What did Christ say were the most important commandments? "'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: ... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

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Civil Unions won't work for anyone

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

I began this week preparing to talk about the need for civil unions, a cozy moderate position, in order to make all parties within the civil unions/gay marriage debate happy. I spoke with a lot of people and read a lot of articles, and now I sit here and realize my views have all changed radically.

The fact is, civil unions are a sham. For either position.

The strongest existing argument against gay marriages is simply that it some think it could cause a further dissolution of the marriage institution in America. A few conservatives suggest that the virtual disappearance of marriage in Scandinavia is, along with a large assortment of other factors, partly attributable to "de facto" gay marriages employed in the nineties.

Problem is, these "de facto" gay marriages were basically civil unions, marriage in rights but not in name (they actually denied adoption and artificial insemination rights, which Vermont-style unions allowed).

Furthermore, the main position among some of the gay intellectuals I've read is that the gay rights debate is not primarily about the civil rights that unions would provide (many of which can be acquired with effort even now), but about the social legitimacy provided by marriage. Marriage means something. I don't blame people for seeking it.

And so civil unions aren't a compromise where everybody is happy, they're an in-between that shafts people on both sides of the issue.

Needless to say, I haven't jumped into the gay marriage camp just yet, either. I don't believe, at least not after reading gay-activist Andrew Sullivan's website, that morality is a good, justifiable reason to deny marriage to somebody according to the law. After all, while churches can choose to marry or not marry a couple for a variety of reasons, all that Uncle Sam really wants is for you to be of consenting age, not related, entering into the contract of your own free will, and (of course) that the person your hitching be of the opposite gender.

Gays basically just want to tweak Uncle Sam's tradition and erase that last little part about gender. But as to morality, if we'll grant a fifty-hour marriage to precious Britney Spears, how can we really argue any aspect of right and wrong when it comes to civil marriages for gays?

However, I'm also not ready to buy into that tired argument of "live and let live, what does it matter to heterosexual marriage if Bill and John get married?" Indeed, how does that affect marriage for heterosexuals, if Bill and John get married?

In one very obvious sense, it does not.

Don't get me wrong, Bill and John might be swell guys-but that doesn't mean that there aren't broader social issues swirling around their heads. It's also not just about Bill and John.

Looking at it from a broader perspective, I don't think that you can redefine a fundamental institution that goes back a couple millennia or so without undermining it at least a little bit. Especially among people already growing up with an increasing sense of everything's apparent relativity.

I think that when you redefine marriage, it sends the message that marriage is what we want it to be. Maybe it is, but marriage relies on the sacredness we allot it to survive, relies on being thought of as something more than just a really serious relationship.

And in America, there is still some sentiment surrounding our institution-the fact that "co-habiting" parents have replaced married ones in Scandinavia probably shocks most of us (as it should). Thus, marriage means something to us, and that's good.

But we're showing signs of losing that. And have been showing those signs even before this gay marriage debate popped up, but that doesn't mean that marriage needs another kick to the ribs, if indeed that's what gay marriage ends up doing.

Some folks think that gay marriage might add to the meaning of marriage rather than draw from it. But again, it definitely didn't help in Scandinavia. In fact, it is in the areas of the world that are most friendly to gay marriage, where the institution of marriage is fading the fastest.

That alone doesn't say much, although it's cause for at least a little worry. You can read the rest of the information here and draw your own conclusions, I'm not smart enough to say for certain. To see more on the Scandanavian issue, see what Stanley Kurtz researched on the following site: http://24.104.4.225/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/003/660zypwj.asp. (Just keep in mind that the guy's conservative and his causality is dicey. Pay attention when he says "links" or "reinforces" or some other such thing.)

Most of this is moot by now, with Massachusetts telling us how to define our institutions. The amendment that Bush's been preparing seems to have about a snowball's chance, and I think the real questions we need to start asking ourselves will sound something like this:

What can we do to stop the dissolution of marriage, whether we're gay, straight, or otherwise?

I, personally, propose that we try a different sort of amendment that simply redefines marriage as fundamentally between two consenting, legal-aged human beings. The "two," "legal-aged," and "human beings" clauses essentially undercut the other popular conservative argument (that these social movements could also give way to bestiality/bigamy/etc), while moreover serving to solidify marriage as something important, even if it is not precisely what conservatives (or I) would like it to be.

But one thing is for certain-civil unions aren't a solution. They were a booby-trap. A middle-route that looked safe and that could easily have exploded in everybody's face. In the end, the debate on this amendment becomes about whether you think gay rights is about civil rights or redefining rights, about protecting marriage or about expanding it.

We might have to decide whether we support a more encompassing "civil rights," or a more sturdy traditional family. One of these paths is certainly better than a "middle-road" that would deny either side what they want.

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example of how the Oscars have proved their relevancy.

For example, look at Evanescence. They were a band who was brought into the spotlight this year and became an MTV adored Top 40 musical act. Does this make them worthy of the best "new" artist award though? How "new" are they? By the time the Grammy is in their hands the band was on the verge of losing their co-founder Ben Moody. Doesn't that qualify them for VH1 Behind the Music, not a Best New Artist Grammy?

To sum things up; the Grammys suck; the Oscars don't. So to everyone who's produced at least three albums and can vote on the Grammys please pick someone different for once!

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"Bowl For Kids' Sake"

Fund-raising event!

When: *Saturday April 3rd from Noon-5pm*
(Stay for an hour or stay all day!)

Where: At Colonial Bowling Lanes
on Wilmington Road in New Castle.

What is it?: *Bowl for Kids Sake is for anyone in the community who would like to participate in a fun event while helping to raise funds for the Lawrence County Big Brothers Big Sisters program.*

Get a team of 4-6 people together
(family, friends, co-workers, sorority or fraternity members)
and call the office at (724) 657-3680
to have a team packet sent.

The day includes... *a free game of bowling, lunch provided by Pizza Joe's, a D.J. from American Mobile Sound, a "Bowl for Kids Sake" t-shirt, Tarot card readings by MaryAnn Buckley, a Chinese Auction and chances to win door prizes!*

Don't miss this opportunity to have a great time for a great cause!

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Both involve love. Remember the golden rule.

So why else is preventing these marriages wrong? Well, the plain fact of the matter is that it deals with people being offended. That's the rub of the entire argument, isn't it? "I'm offended about gay people getting married because I don't believe that that lifestyle is right." Tough luck. Get over yourself. Everybody gets offended at something. I personally am offended by Pat Robertson and the 700 Club, which I believe to be about as un-Christian as anybody can get, ideology-wise. I'm offended that they take the things I believe in and give them a bad name. But, does that mean that the 700 Club should be illegalized? Of course not.

What if I'm offended by people who wear very unflattering clothing (e.g. clothing that is too tight, too revealing, etc.)? We can't illegalize certain fashions just because I don't believe that they are appropriate.

Another argument states that "Gays getting married would ruin the sanctity of the institution of marriage." Are these people even aware of the society that we live in? The 'sanctity' of marriage, friends, was ruined a long time ago, and we straight people didn't need any help in doing it. Look at the divorce rates now. 50% of all marriages end in divorce. Sacred institution, huh? Plus, how would gay people getting married affect the institution at all? If two gay men get married, does that influence some straight man that it's okay for him to have an affair? Does that break down the bonds between two people that love each other? If two gay women get married, does that give a straight woman any inclination to cheat? Of course not. Some argue (mainly due to the stereotype of promiscuity among the gay male community) that if gay marriage were allowed, it would destroy the sanctity of the institution because the marriage would be very prone, and may even actively encourage infidelity between the two partners. No. That argument holds no water. Why not? If you wanted to have multiple sexual partners, and did not want to be bonded to a single person in a monogamous relationship (as marriage is usually interpreted), why would you get married in the first place? For the hell of it? The people we're talking about are gay - they're not stupid. They won't bond themselves in marriage if they don't want to be monogamous.

"Any law that uplifts human personality is just," says Dr. King. "Any law that degrades human personality is unjust...An unjust law is a code that a majority inflicts on a minority that is not binding on itself. This is difference made legal." If anything, that is what the prevention of gay marriage represents - an unjust law that prevents a minority from doing something that the majority can do, and takes for granted. Keep in mind, everything Hitler did to the Jews was "legal." It wasn't right.

If something offends you, yes, it's your right to be upset. But that's what this argument is about - gay marriage offends some people. Well, mind your own business!! Why do you care? If you're married, or planning to get married, worry about your own marriage - not a marriage between a lesbian couple in San Francisco whom you will never meet. I'm sorry that the concept offends you, but that's not my problem, and it's not the problem of the gay couples who just want to be together. Gay marriages will not jeopardize our freedoms to practice our religion, our rights, our marriages as we see fit. They will not hurt us at all. If you think they will hurt you, get the phone. It's reality. It's time to come back.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County

Would like to thank the following groups for their thoughtfulness this past holiday season...

The girls basketball team and Coach Roseanne Scott
Thank you all for buying Christmas gifts for some of the less fortunate children in our program. The team bought, wrapped and delivered gifts for five children from three different families in our program.

Jim Dafler and the Westminster Athletic Department Employees
Thank you for making us the recipient of your annual Christmas donation to a local charity.

We appreciate your help in making the holidays brighter for the kids in our program!

The Starting Line

with special guests, Space Pimps and the Bonds are Broken

May 8th 8 pm

(following Volleyrock Tournament)

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$10 for non-W.C. students

Weekend Entertainment

Friday February 27

Comic Kivi Rogers
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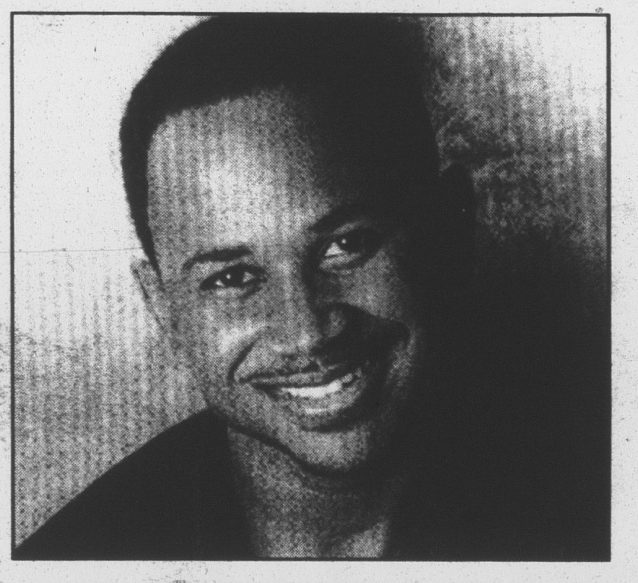

Titan's Tavern
10:00-2:00 pm
Club/Lounge

Late Night every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10-1 in the Tavern.

Free pop and popcorn as always.

Sunday February 29

The Oscars
8:00 pm
Club Room

Coming Soon:

March 5: SGA Pool Party
March 6: Night Owl Bowling
March 26: Buzz Poets & co.
March 27: One Act Festival
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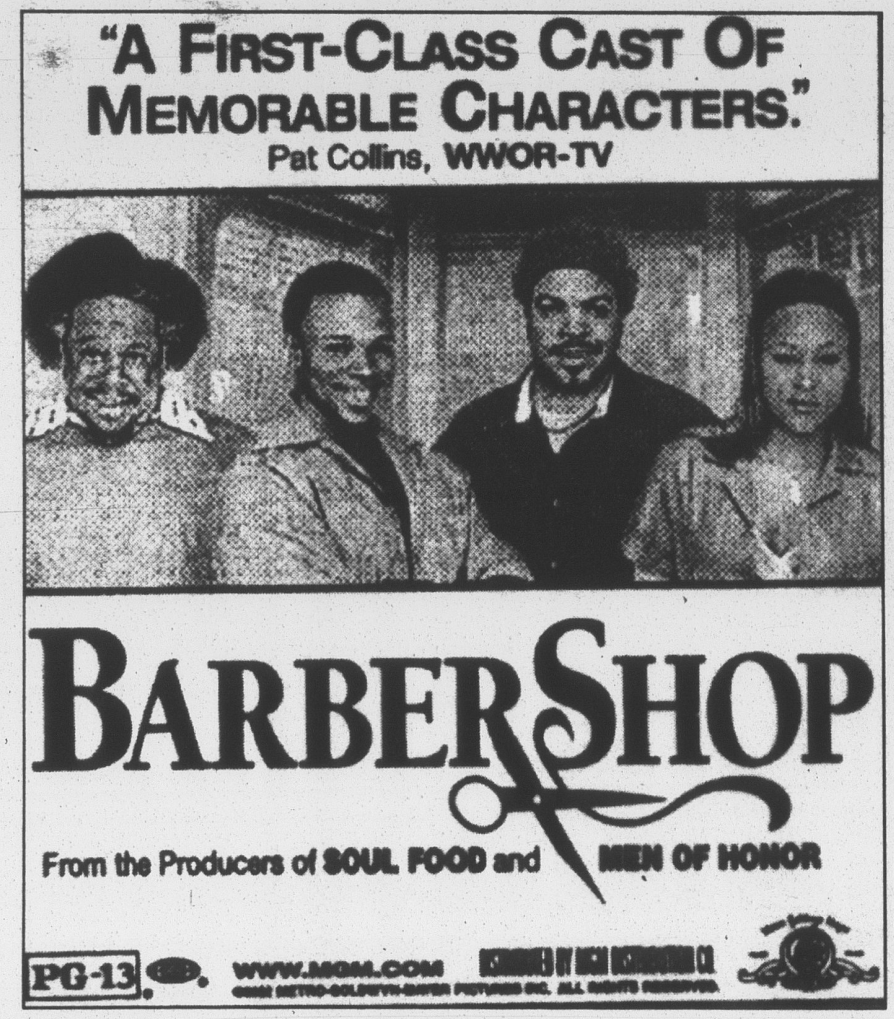
April 2: Titan's Tavern
April 3: Night Owl Bowling



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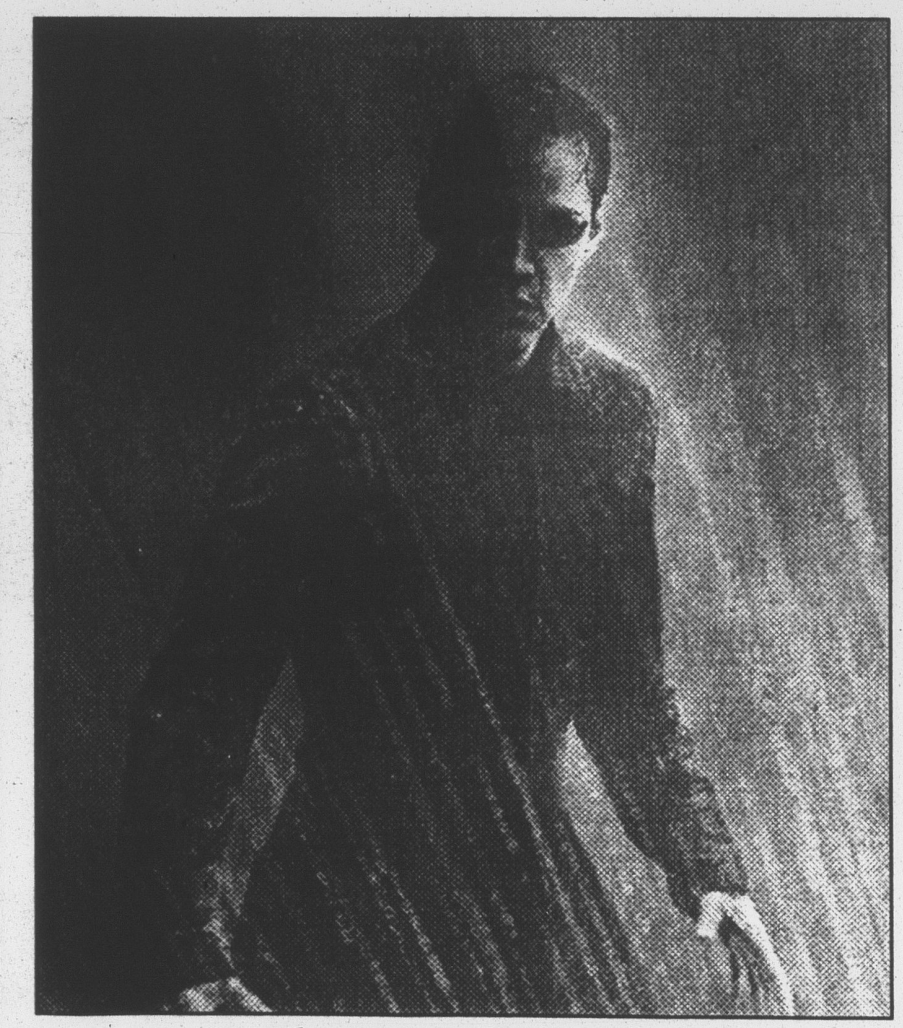

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We are the Champions!

The crowd celebrates during the final seconds of the men's basketball PAC championship game

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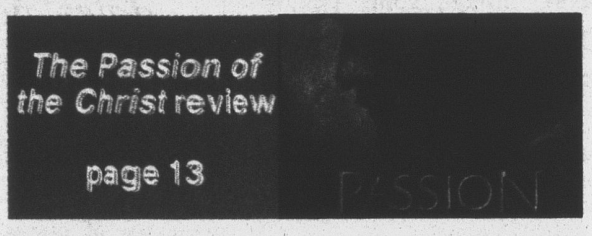

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CAMPUS NEWS

Play dramatizes the Revolutionary War

by Erin Gray
Staff Writer

The cast and crew of The Devil's Disciple presented their opening performance this Thursday, March 4, at 7:30p.m. The show will run through Sunday.

The play, written by George Bernard Shaw, is a heroic story of how the American Revolution was won. "Shaw enjoys making fun of the bumbling British. He was a fan of America," said lead Bob Allen.

The Devil's Disciple is the story of outcast Dick Dugeon, played by Allen. The people of Dugeon's puritanical town call him the devil's disciple. British troops mistake Dick for local minister, Rev. Anthony Anderson, who is played by Jason Cooper. Dick is taken prisoner and sentenced to death. Both Dugeon and Anderson discover their true heroic and patriotic natures in this switched identity story.

The play is historically based, but is an amusing fictional tale. "It's a period piece and a comedy, but it has its serious moments. It's a lot of fun," Allen said.

Other main characters include: Gen. Burgoyne, played by Justin Bryan, Judith Anderson, played by Sarah Timm, Mrs. Dugeon played by Alisa Locke, and Major Swindon played by John Buco.

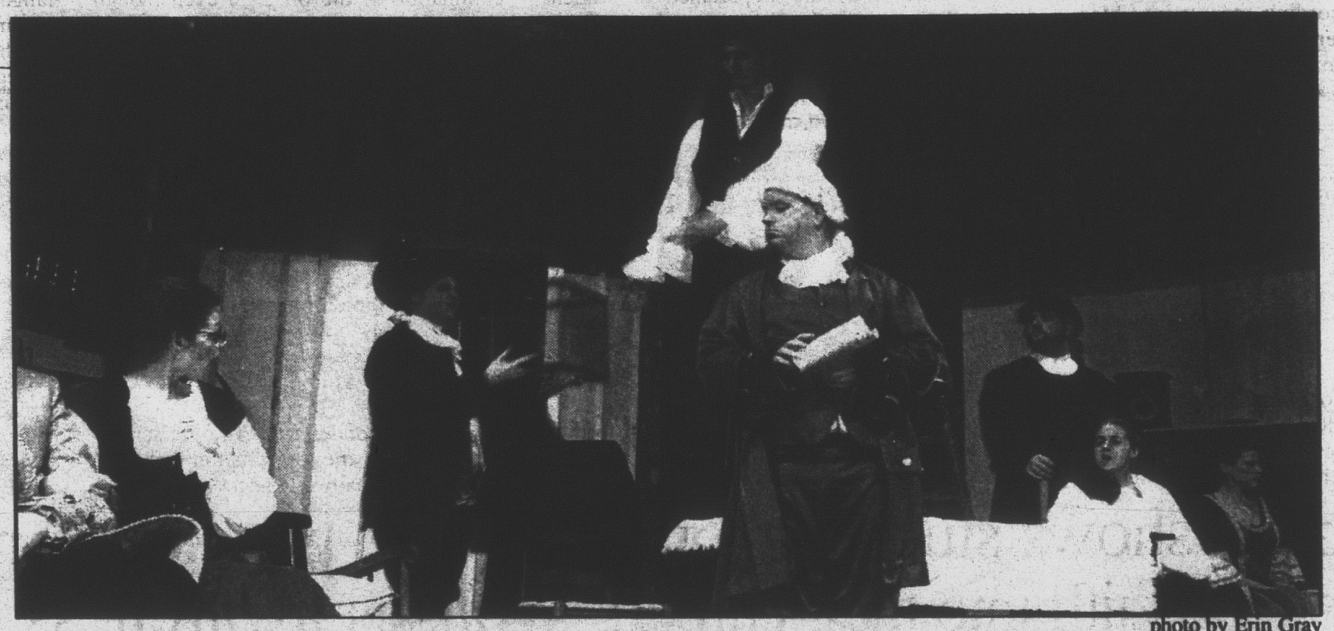

photo by Erin Gray

The cast goes through a dress rehersal for *Devil's Desciple.* The show opened last night.

Director Eileen Hendrickson has had the cast rehearsing since the beginning of the semester. They are looking forward to a successful show. "Rehersals are going well," Allen said. "We feel we're going to peak at the right time."

The performances will be held in Beeghly Theater on March 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The show is free to the campus community and for all others the cost will be $7 for adults and $5 for students. For tickets or more information call the Beeghly box office at 724-946-7241.

Bio course to visit Outback

by Quay Rosengarth
Campus Writer

Twenty students will pack their bags for Australia this spring after completing Biology 520.

Dr. Ann Throckmorton teaches Biology 520 on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. with the requirement of the follow up She will then lead the 521 course through a two week lesson on the ecology, geology, cultural aspects and natural history of Australia.

"We didn't want this to be a tourist trip," said Throckmorton. "We wanted it to be more educational than that and still have fun."

The class will leave on May 26 and return June 11. The trip itinerary takes students through rainforests, on an outback camping trip, and to the Great Barrier Reef in order to study organisms and habitats unique to Australia.

The estimated all inclusive cost for the travel course is $3925. The class meets biology and environmental science major and minor course credits as well as elective and IP credits for scientific discovery.

"We have about a 50/50 split between science majors and non science majors going on the trip," said Throckmorton.

Travel courses are already being planned for the spring of 2005. Dr Throckmorton will teach a course on Costa Rica and Dr. Andrea Grove will teach a course on Ireland.

More information for these trips will be available closer to the time of the course.

Campus reacts to primary debates

Are the candidates hitting the real issues?

by Russell Mills
Campus Writer

Senator John Kerry from Massachusetts and Senator John Edwards from North Carolina went head to head last Thursday in a debate sponsored by CNN and The Los Angeles Times. Or did they?

Sure, Kerry and Edwards were at the debate together, but some commentators have questioned if they were really debating the controversial issues.

Some political scientists feel that the presidential primary debates are nothing more than mere sound byte sessions where candidates give general and often vague answers to prerehearsed questions.

The answers "I'm going to create jobs" and "I'm going to stimulate the economy" are all nice 30-second catch phrases, but they do not give details of the candidates' policies.

However, though some people feel that primary debates are often uninformative in regards to policies, they find they are still important in differentiating the candidates.

Dr. James Rhoads, associate professor of political science, has studied presidential debates extensively throughout his career.

"Debates are the only opportunity that we have to see the candidates next to one another on a stage answering questions," he said.

Primary debates tend to develop the character of the candidate more than present specific policy debates.

Dr. James Cherney, assistant professor of speech communication, studies rhetorical criticism and is a former debater.

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"Since the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy debate, the focus of debates has shifted from policy to the candidates' ethos or character," he said.

During the 2000 presidential primary season, Dr. William Benoit, professor of communication at the University of Missouri, performed a study of republican candidates George W. Bush and John McCain. He found that after the debate Bush improved the way people viewed his character (but not his policies) and McCain improved the way people viewed his policies (but not his character). Bush went on to win the nomination in a landslide.

Today's debates still provide an arena for people to compare and contrast the candidates. Whether it is that people are comparing Edwards' and Kerry's looks, or their stances on tax reform, debates provide an opportunity for Americans to shop for the best candidate.

However, the candidates in their quest to differentiate themselves from their competitors forget they are in the same party.

"I think that the primary debates are pointless," junior Jessica Rummel said. "They bash each other in the debates, and then after the nominee is selected they endorse the candidate they spent the past few months tearing apart."

Americans will continue to decide their political leaders based on the ideals that are important to them, whether it is their character or their policies.

Debates, if nothing else, provide people who may not have stopped clicking that channel an opportunity to listen to the men who might be the next president of the United States.

German students still holding on to hope for their major

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

According to Jesse Mann, Vice President of Academic Affairs, the German program does not have the numbers, staffing or interest to keep the major afloat. This decision would not just affect German majors but also students enrolled in programs such as International Politics, Intercultural Studies and International Business.

According to Mann, Dr. Jacob Erhardt's retirement and students' lack of interest have caused the college to consider the cancellation of the major. He feels now is the appropriate time to cut the program.

Senior Drew Huston is among some of the students concerned with the decision. As a member of SGA, he wrote a resolution on behalf of the organization to send to the department of Academic Affairs. In the resolution, Huston stated why SGA believes in the importance of student input as well as keeping the students informed about changes in college curriculum. "Student input would add a lot of legitimacy to any decision that was made," said Huston. "It's just SGA saying that we care about this campus and curriculum too, and that we'd like a say."

Sophmore Amy Sasfai recently picked up a German major and was disappointed by the decision to drop the program. "It upsets me that people aren't going to have that opportunity anymore," said Sasfai of the German major. "It was so abrupt."

She was also upset by the manner in which she heard that the major was being cancelled. "I found out from a student before I received any notification from a college official," said Sasfai. "In my opinion, it shows poor management."

Dr. Carol Bove, professor of French, was troubled by the decision to consider elimination of the program even though she is not a German professor. Shortly after a decision was announced, she sent out an e-mail to the students and faculty. Since then, she has received many responses praising her initiative to request a meeting be held. "While the Dean makes the final decision, it is the faculty and students who help shape the curriculum," stated Bove in the e-mail.

She has many concerns with the cancellation of the program, among them are the students who are considering the college. "Schools that compete are an issue," said Bove. "We are going to lose students who want to study German to other schools."

Bove does understand why the school is considering the cancellation but disagrees. "Germany is the most powerful country in the European nation," said Bove. "Globalization also requires more languages and Westminster has made a commitment to diversity."

She was also surprised at the way the college handled the situation. "The thing that is disturbing to me is the way it was done," she said. "I think it is important to have a dialogue between the students and faculty." Bove also pointed out that the policy in the faculty handbook says that they are supposed to poll the students when considering such a decision.

Though the odds are not in its favor, there is still hope for the German major. According to Bove, the program has not been officially eliminated. It must first go to the board of trustees for them to vote on it. However, the fate of the program should be decided before the end of the semester.

Jubilee shows students how to integrate faith into their careers

by Aaron Dugan
Campus Writer

This past weekend, 70 students spent the weekend at the Jubilee youth conference in Pittsburgh.

This year, the annual conference was held at the Pittsburgh Hilton from Friday evening until noon on Sunday. The conference, put on by the Coalition for Christian Outreach, hosted speakers including Lakita Garth and Robin Capcara, and musicians James Ward and Brad Yoder.

One of the attendees was first-year Curtis Yenyo. "A conference that college students go to that teaches how to incorporate their faith into the major using tracks, keynote speakers and worship," he said.

The conference began with speaker Robin Capcara on Friday evening, followed by the Brad Yoder concert. Then throughout the day on Saturday, attendees had their picks from multiple seminars to attend which covered many topics from family life to seminars that talked about faith and individual college majors. Keynote Speaker Lakita Garth also gave two of her three scheduled talks. On both Friday and Saturday nights, there were special activities for students to let loose and have some fun including a poetry reading and the concert. All of this was wrapped up on Sunday with a worship service and the final talk from Lakita Garth.

"It is an amazing event and it helps very much in someone's faith. It helps answer some questions like how can I use my faith in my job?" Yenyo said.

The conference costs between $100 and $220 depending on when the individual registers, whether they are a student or not and whether or not the person is staying at the hotel. SGA provides some scholarship money and fundraisers are held to help raise money for those who want to attend.

For anyone interested in attending next year's Jubilee conference, contact the Chapel office or visit the conference's website (www.ccojubilee.org) for further information.

New pro-life organization raises awareness on campus

by Abby Ball
Campus Writer

The spring semester of 2004 not only brought about new courses and schedules, but also a new organization on campus - The Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn.

The CPU is an anti-abortion organization. Its main plans include holding a series of lectures, a baby shower to gather goods for a local crisis pregnancy center, and participate in National Pro-life T-shirt day on April 27. The club will be selling t-shirts prior to the event to gain support. They also hope to work with groups in the community to establish their goals.

"Basically we're all about education dealing with alternatives and the risks. We want to help people make responsible and educated decisions and save the lives of all those children who could have been adopted by families that want them," sophomore Jaimee Davis said.

Although the Student Life and Athletic Council do not yet recognize the organization as an official campus club, the club is planning to present itself on March 9. However, the group has approximately 30 students and 15 faculty members who are interested in the organization.

In order to present the club, a constitution and a list of officers had to be submitted. The list of officers includes: Dr. Kang-Yup Na, advisor; Andrea Ceplecci, president; Dennis Buffone, vice-president; Leah Mazzocca, secretary; Davis, treasurer; Corinna Neely, publicity chair; Emily Wehr, chaplain; Ms. Colleen Deisler, faculty chair.

"I had the idea to start the organization last semester when I was doing research for a paper on abortion. I noticed that many other colleges and universities had pro-life organizations and I thought Westminster could benefit from such an organization," Ceplecci said.

The group meets on Sundays at 9:00 p.m. in room 255 of the McKelvey Center. The organization does not support any particular political or religious perspectives. All students, staff, and faculty members are welcome to join.

Jazz Band

Last Sunday, Feb 29, the Westminster Jazz Band opened for legendary jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson. The band traveled to Niles, Ohio to open for Ferguson and would have had the opurtunity to meet the famous musician, but unfortunately Ferguson's brother died earlier that day.

For more information on the jazz band, or any of the other ensembles contact R. Tad Greig at: greigrt@westminster.edu.

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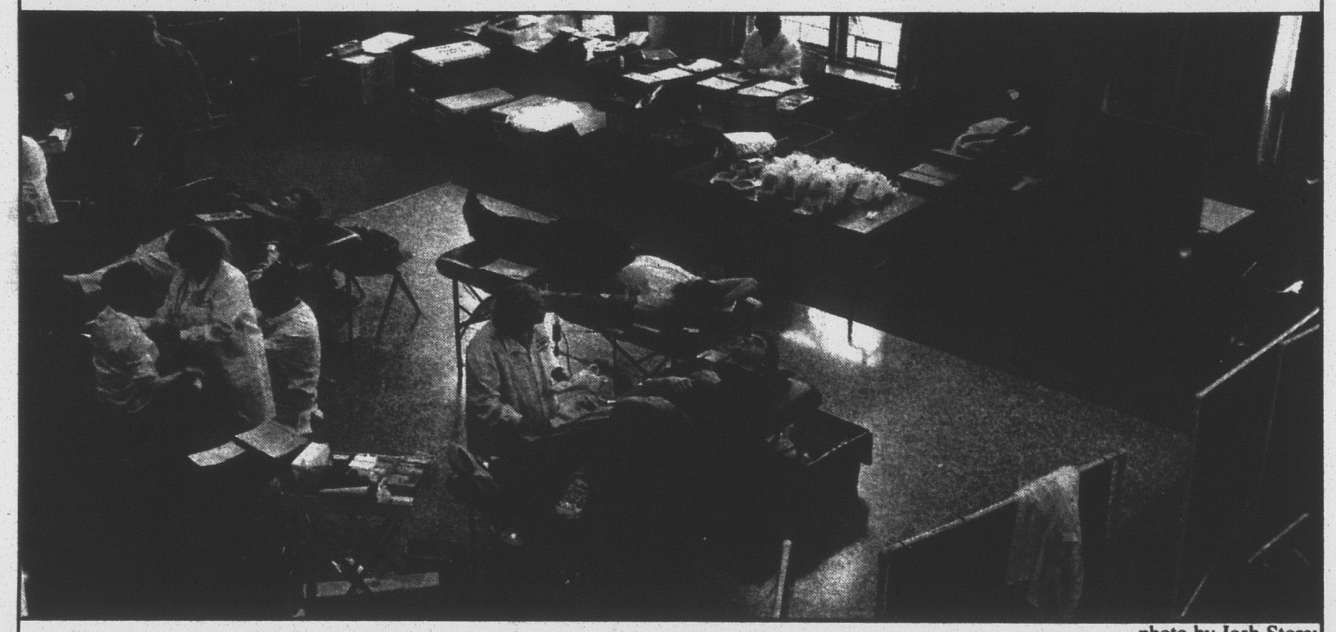

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Red Cross officials say blood supply reserves are dangerously low—but faculty, staff and students at Westminster answered the call this week. The Red Cross held a blood drive on Tuesday, March 2 in the McKelvey Berlin Lounge. Student Affairs secretary Beth Brooks organized the drive.

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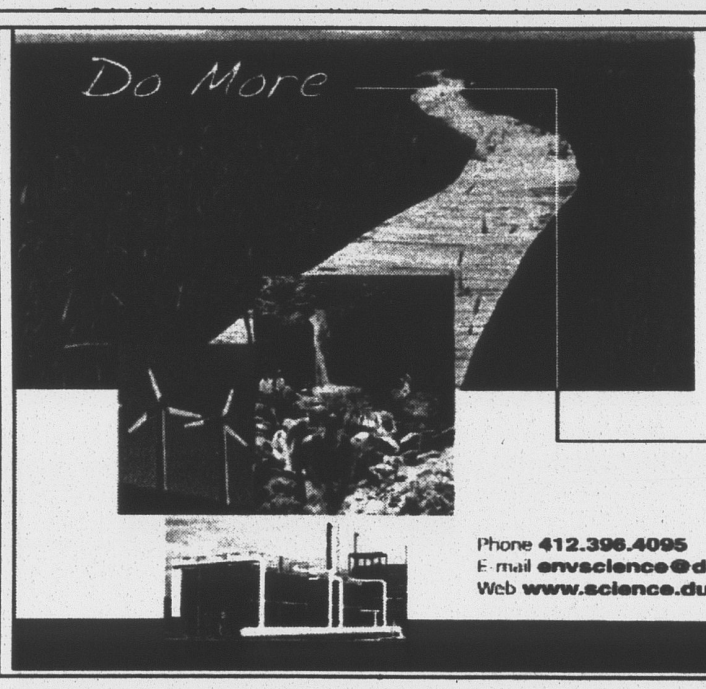

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Habitat for Humanity travels south for break

by Meagan Pecoraro
Campus Writer

Habitat for Humanity will catch a glimpse of the summer sun earlier than expected this year as they travel to Raleigh, North Carolina to help build homes from March 14-16.

Each year, Habitat for Humanity chooses a city that they travel to, and once there, offer their time and devotion to help build homes for needy families. They work on these homes with the help of Hosanna Industries for one week, while at the same time enjoying a fun-filled spring break.

"Habitat reserved the spots for the Raleigh trip by November of last year," junior Christa Mayer said.

The annual spring break trip is the largest project for Habitat and because of this, they make sure to reserve their place of choice well in advance. Two places that they have previously traveled to are Ashville, North Carolina and Greenville, South Carolina.

They also devote a large section of the semester to their local work trips. These trips are usually around the Pittsburgh area and are under the supervision of the Lawrence County Habitat and Hosanna Industries. Any student who is unable to attend a local trip at the desired time has many more opportunities through the school year, with Habitat offering four trips per semester.

"Habitat is an excellent way for students to get involved around campus while at the same time giving back to their community," junior Morgan Campbell said.

Habitat is not only active in other communities but also around campus. They sponsor events such as The Habifest to help in educating the campus on their organization. This event takes place during the annual Relay for Life and consists of a shed building race for students and faculty. The final shed is sent to a home that they have previously built.

Another aspect of their organization that they are known for is fundraising. All the money that Habitat fundraises goes to various home organizations around the area. Other associations to whom they contribute money are Habitat International and Bridges to Community.

"Habitat is a very special program that not only our community benefits from, but other communities as well," sophomore Ashley Steines said.

One goal that Habitat has for the remainder of the school year is to increase campus involvement, work at raising more money for the organizations that they work with and most importantly have a productive spring break trip.

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More Car Break-Ins

The vandalism and thefts to car in and around campus continues this week. Campus security officials say thieves target a car off campus on Monday night—while two cars parked on campus were hit.

Security officials say you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim by taking your personal belongings out of your car. Thieves are taking CD's, radios and hood ornaments over the past few weeks.

Borough police are stepping up patrols around the campus area as are campus police.

Just last week, President Williamson commented on the problem saying one option the campus can take is installing security cameras.

ECAC Tournament Fever

The Titans and Lady Titans will try to sneak in some practice today as both teams head into the

Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Region Tournaments tonight. The Titan men come off the PAC championship win to face second-seeded Alvernia College (20-6) in Reading tonight at 7 p.m.

The Westminster women, like the men, are the seventh seed in an eight-team, single-elimination tournament and will play at #2 Lebanon Valley College (20-5) in Annville in an opening round game tonight at 7 p.m.

Titan head coach Larry Ondako says his team's been playing hard for six months now, but it's nice to have this surprise and to be able to play some post-season ball.

Lady Titan coach Roseanne Scott says she had to contain her excitement when she heard the news as she was on a conference call with the ECAC—but she scribbled a note to her assistant coach who started dancing around with excitement. Both teams will scramble to get their gear and hit the road as a new round of playoff fever begins.

D.A. Drops Out of A.G. Race

Lawrence County District Attorney—and 1995 Westminster Grad—Matt Mangino says he's dropping out of the Democratic race for Pennsylvania Attorney General. Mangino says he can't raise enough money for radio and TV ads launch an effect state-wide campaign.

Meal Plans Move to Dine Dollars

Changes are being made to next year's meal plan. Instead of having a set number of meals you'll pay for everything with Dine Dollars. According to Sodexho officials, you'll access your Dine Dollars on your Titan Card.

And when using Dine Dollars at the Orchard Street Café, students can buy items ala cart instead of an entire meal. Westminster Dining Service General Manager Jeff Creveling says the new meal plan will give students more purchasing power.

I-80 Toll-Booth Proposal

PennDOT says putting up toll-booths on the 300-mile stretch of Interstate-80 would help pay for future projects along that road. PennDOT officials say install some 10 toll-booths along I-80 could help generate the money needed to add additional lanes to that highway.

100-Year Old Local Woman Celebrates 25th Birthday

A Mercer County woman born on Leap Day in 1904 celebrated her 25th birthday this week. Mary Beharry was born 100-years ago on February 29 in her hometown of Farrell. She now lives in a care home in Hermitage. According to the U.S. Census reports, about 200-thousand Americans have leap day birthdays.

No Guns on SRU Campus

Slippery Rock University has issued a written warning to a student who brought a gun to class this semester. The student had a permit to carry the gun—but the university bans guns from the campus. No criminal charges were filed—but Slippery Rock officials say the student has been sanctioned and the case is now closed.

No Guns at Westminster

A quick check of the Westminster campus rules and regulations show guns are banned here.

According to the On-line Student Handbook, you can't have a gun on campus. The student code of conduct states it is a violation of the policy to use or possess a firearm on campus.

Low Carb Diet Choices & Campus Dining

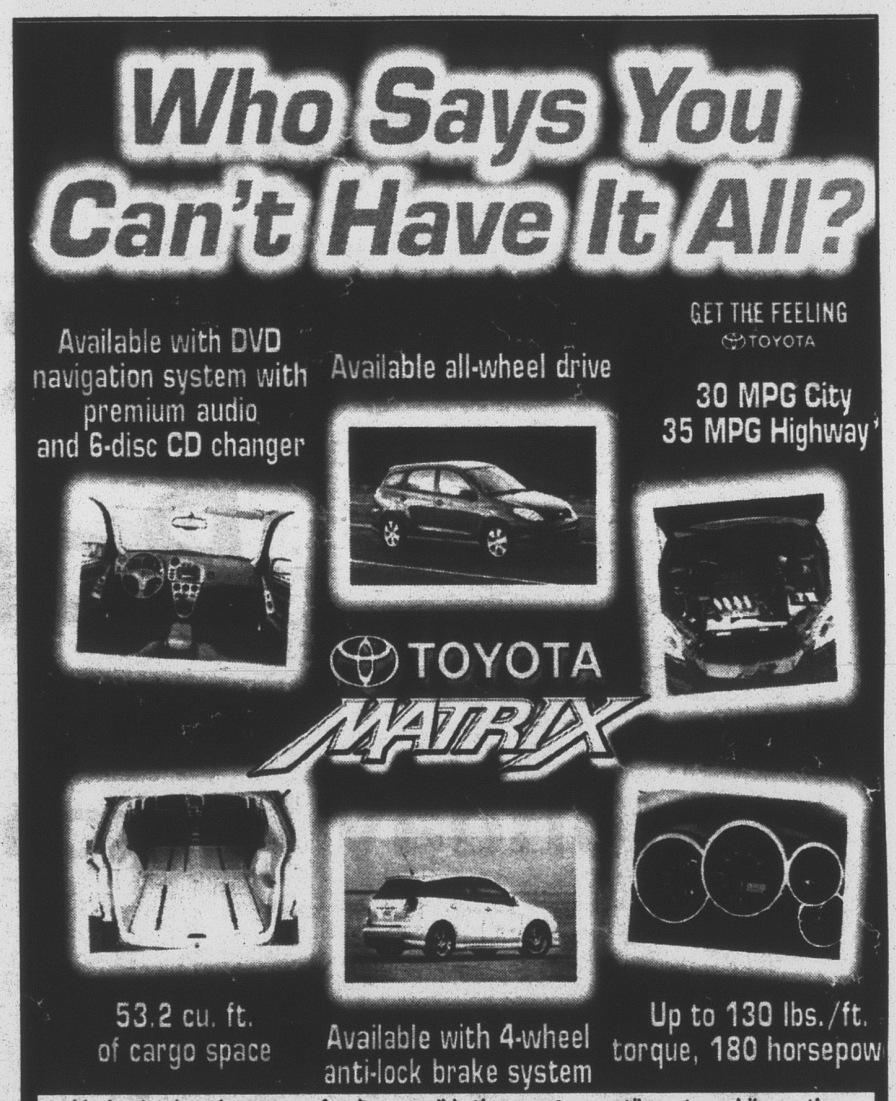
The Atkins and South Beach Diets may be all the rage as marketers and restaurants try to cash in on the low carb diet craze—but don't expect any menu changes here on campus.

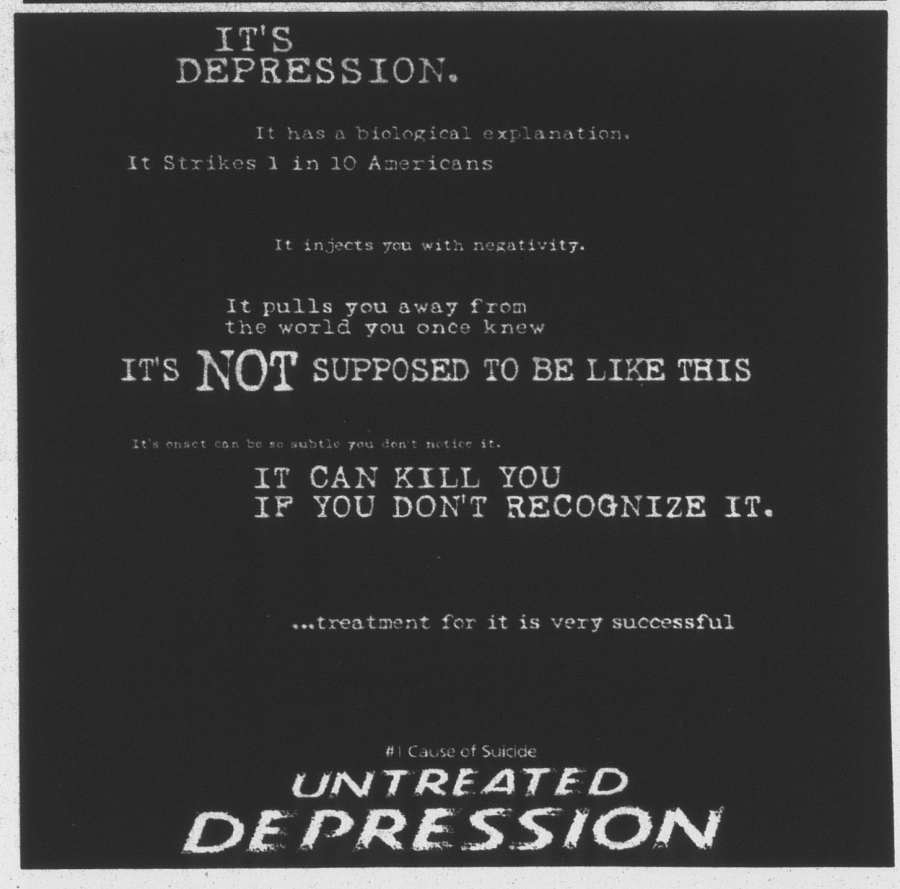
Westminster Dining Service General Manager Jeff Creveling says there's no need to play around with the menu here. Students already have a wide range of choices when it comes to low carb meals—from omelets on the weekends to the lunch meat and salad bar open all meals.

Local Woman Accused of Stripping at Son's Party

Mercer County prosecutors say a Hermitage woman accused of stripping and dancing at her teenage son's birthday party last year will now face sentencing in April.

Authorities charged Patricia M. Johnson with a long list of crimes last summer including indecent assault, indecent exposure, and providing alcohol to minors. Prosecutors say the woman has now agreed to a guilty plea to misdemeanor corruption charges.





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News reporter on trial for sexual misconduct with minors

CINCINNATI (AP) A court appearance for a television news reporter charged with having sexual contact with minors was delayed until he is released from the hospital for what police described as self-inflicted slashes on his wrists.

Stephen Hill, 45, was to have been arraigned Monday in Hamilton County Municipal Court on eight felony charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Criminal complaints filed Saturday with the court say the contact occurred over the last several years with four youths, who now range in age from 14 to 18. Some of them were troubled youths Hill had mentored, police said.

Hill, reporter for WCPO-TV since 1989, had the slashes on his wrists when officers broke in the door to his Cincinnati home Friday night, police said. He was taken to University Hospital, where spokeswoman Pat Samson declined Monday to release his condition.

Each charge carries a possible sentence of six months to 18 months in prison. The penalties could be changed to one to five years on each charge if authorities prove that Hill was at least 10 years older than the youths.

Capt. Vince Demasi said investigators believe Hill's relationships with the youths began with his mentoring work.

Bill Fee, the station's vice president and general manager, said WCPO would cooperate with the investigation. Hill remains employed there, he said.

"We are concerned primarily for any minors that may have been injured and that the ultimate information will make clear what has happened here," Fee said in a statement.

E.W. Scripps Co. owns the station in the nation's 32nd largest TV market. WCPO reaches 870,000 households in Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

Hill was a foster parent for two children in Hamilton County in 1994 and 1995, but those children have not accused him of abuse, said Laurie Petrie, a spokeswoman for the county Department of Job and Family Services.

Demetrius Al-Lateef of Columbus, who said Hill mentored him when he was a teenager and was one of the most positive influences on his life, told WCPO he couldn't imagine him doing what he is accused of.

PSU implements criminal background checks on applicants

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Until last summer, it never occurred to state Rep. Matthew Baker that Pennsylvania might need a law to force colleges and universities to scrutinize the criminal histories of prospective faculty members.

That was when Penn State University administrators learned that Paul Eric Krueger, an assistant education professor, was on parole for a triple murder he committed in Texas nearly 40 years ago. Krueger was preparing to move to a California university last summer, but his job offer was rescinded and he resigned from Penn State.

Penn State has since begun conducting criminal background checks on all applicants to whom they make job offers, including finalists for faculty vacancies, and Baker believes such inquiries should occur statewide. He introduced a bill several weeks ago that would require applicants to all colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to provide criminal history reports from both state and federal law enforcement agencies.

"It just seems to make common sense to me, if we require them for teachers in our 501 school districts," said Baker, R-Tioga.

State law requires public school teachers and other school employees who have direct contact with children to obtain state police background checks, and an additional federal background check if they have lived in Pennsylvania for less than two years.

Baker's bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee, and he is discussing possible revisions with university officials across the state. If it becomes law, Pennsylvania would become the first state in the country with such a mandate, said Sheldon Steinbach, an attorney for the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

"It would be a breakthrough piece of legislation," Steinbach said.

Baker, who is also a member of the House Appropriations Committee, raised the topic at a recent budget hearing on Penn State's funding. He asked university president Graham Spanier whether Krueger would have been hired if officials had known about his criminal record.

"This was an exemplary faculty member at the university, and I don't know exactly how it would have turned out," Spanier said. "Those are very difficult calls to make when someone has served their time and been rehabilitated."

Penn State previously asked only applicants for nonacademic positions about their criminal histories, a common practice in higher education, university spokesman Tysen Kendig said.

Under the new policy, which took effect in January, officials would decide on a case-by-case basis how to react to any information concerning criminal convictions.

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PSU professor fired

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) An associate professor of theater arts at Penn State University's Altoona campus has been fired because the school determined that emails she wrote to colleagues created a hostile work environment.

Two weeks ago, the Standing Joint Committee on Tenure recommended in a 3-2 vote that Nona Gerard "be terminated for adequate cause based on grave misconduct" for writing the e-mails. University President Graham Spanier upheld the decision Monday.

Administrators had accused Gerard of refusing to help develop and promote the school's integrative arts program. The four-year program was created at Altoona in 2000 and combines arts programs such as theater and dance.

Gerard, who earned tenure in 1994, said she was "not in any condition emotionally to make a statement" Monday afternoon, but would comment at a later time.

She has said the move was payback for her outspoken criticism of the arts program, which she said suffered from a lack of space and properly trained faculty.

President search at SRU

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) There isn't enough diversity among candidates for president of Slippery Rock University, the search committee chairman said.

Ken Blair said about 35 people are interested in the job. A scheduled meeting to begin narrowing the pool was canceled so the committee can invite more applicants.

Tom Gluck, spokesman for the State System of Higher Education, said there are no guidelines for diversity in a candidate pool and he didn't know what populations were represented in the current pool.

The committee is searching for a replacement for interim president Robert Smith, whose term ends in June. Smith, a candidate for the permanent job, replaced G. Warren Smith in December 2002 after his dismissal by the state system for unsatisfactory performance.

Another meeting has been scheduled for March 17 and a president is to be chosen in May.

Plane crash linked to oil leak

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A plane that crashed in Georgia and killed four Ohio residents more than a year ago may have had an oil leak, according to a preliminary federal report.

A mechanic interviewed by National Transportation Safety Board investigators said he told pilot David Pryor about the leak the day the plane crashed near Macon, Ga. The Piper Cherokee Six went down Dec. 20, 2002, in a wooded area about a mile from Interstate 75, where Pryor tried to make an emergency landing, according to the NTSB report released recently.

Pryor; his wife, Marilyn W. Pryor; their 5-year-old son, Thomas DaWit Pryor; and a family friend, Lisa Howard, were killed in the crash. Howard's daughter, Kani Howard, and her dog survived.

In an interview with the NTSB, a mechanic with Lane Aviation in Columbus said he told Pryor there was an oil leak coming from under the engine. Pryor said "he would look into it later," according to the report.

Eric Alleyne, an Atlanta-based investigator looking into the crash, said the preliminary report does make a determination of what caused the crash. A final version that will include a cause should be available by the end of the month, he said.

A lawsuit has been filed against Pryor's estate on Kani Howard's behalf.

Dog's death under investigation

BEDFORD, Pa. (AP) A dog was killed when two people dragged it behind their truck and then threw its body over an embankment, police said.

Authorities said the husky-mix was dragged for about two miles at about 4:20 p.m. Sunday. Police were looking for a blue and white truck that was seen in Londonderry Township in the southwestern part of Bedford County.

If it can be proven that the dog was killed on purpose, the two people in the truck could get five years in prison on a first-degree misdemeanor charge, police said.

"It's a depraved individual who would do this to an animal," Bedford County District Attorney William Higgins said.

Man charged for killing stepfather

PITTSBURGH (AP) A man was charged with murder in the shooting death of his stepfather.

Robert Early, 25, surrendered to police Sunday and was being held in the Allegheny County Jail on a murder charge in the death of James Delaney, 52.

Early's mother, Nancy Delaney, said her estranged husband was drunk on Saturday night when he and her son argued at about 9:30 p.m. Nancy Delaney said James was taunting her son to shoot him.

"He'd push buttons and intimidate you. Sometimes we'd get along, but usually we wouldn't," she said of James Delaney, whom she married a year ago but only lived with for a few days.

Early told authorities he only pointed the shotgun at his stepfather to scare him and get him to leave, but he wouldn't, according to a police affidavit.

A hearing on the case was scheduled for Feb. 10.

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Justice Department attempts to have doctors banned from testifying in lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) The Justice Department sought Monday to bar doctors from testifying in a lawsuit challenging the Partial-Birth Abortion Act unless the government gains access to their patients' medical records.

The Justice Department motion filed in U.S. District Court in New York also points out that the National Abortion Federation, a professional association of abortion providers, has argued previously that patient records are essential to determining a procedure's medical necessity.

The Bush administration has been criticized broadly by abortion rights groups and privacy advocates for seeking the records, even though Attorney General John Ashcroft insists that patient names and personal information would be removed before government lawyers got them.

"There can be no question but that the government is entitled to the records, redacted to protect the identity of particular patients, in its defense of the act," the court papers say.

Lawsuits brought in New York, Nebraska and California are challenging a new law barring a procedure referred to by critics as partial-birth abortion and by medical organizations as "intact dilation and extraction." During the procedure, a fetus' legs and torso are pulled from the uterus and its skull is punctured.

The Justice Department is attempting to persuade federal judges to order at least six hospitals and six Planned Parenthood affiliates to provide the abortion patient records so the government can defend the law. The hospitals and Planned Parenthood are resisting on privacy grounds.

If the five doctors bringing the New York case plan to testify that the procedure is medically necessary, the Justice Department says the patient records are needed to show their experiences and the circumstances of each case.

Otherwise, the government motion says, the doctors shouldn't be allowed to testify.

The Justice Department motion also uses a National Abortion Federation document to bolster the government's case. The federation also is a plaintiff in the New York lawsuit.

Gay marriage to be the crucial issue in key states during Presidential election

NEW YORK (AP) John Kerry can win the 270 Electoral College votes to beat George Bush, but gay marriage may be the crucial issue in key states, including New Hampshire, a panel of Democrats said Monday.

Former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy and former President Kennedy's speechwriter Ted Sorensen met in Manhattan to discuss the presidential race, particularly the Electoral College.

The Electoral College system has been under renewed scrutiny since 2000, when Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote in a dispute that was ultimately settled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Each of the 50 states is allocated a number of electors equal to its number of U.S. senators, always two, plus the number of its U.S. representatives.

Kerrey, now president of the New School University in New York, predicted Kerry could win the Electoral College but would need to win closely divided states including Arkansas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and New Hampshire.

The panelists, who met the day before Super Tuesday, when 10 Democratic primaries are held, spoke as if Kerry were the nominee.

The issue of gay marriage, which has recently emerged in the race, could compromise Kerry's success in a general election against Bush in those key states, Kerrey said.

"It is potentially a very big issue," Kerrey said.

Kennedy, Kerry's fellow Massachusetts senator, acknowledged a tough fight but said gay marriage would rank behind issues like jobs, health care and education.

"I personally believe the economic issues override what you call the cultural issues," Kennedy said.

President Bush last week proposed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing gay marriage.

Kerry and his closest rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, oppose such an amendment and oppose gay marriage. Both say they support legal rights for gays under civil unions.

National briefs

Aristide says he was forced out

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in a telephone interview arranged by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, claims he was forced out of his home country by U.S. military forces in the dark of night.

In a thick Haitian accent muffled by a bad connection, Aristide spoke briefly via speaker phone during a news conference called Monday by Jackson, who demanded Congress to investigate whether the United States had any role in "the abduction" of Aristide.

When asked if he left Haiti on his own, Aristide quickly answered: "No. I was forced to leave."

Aristide told reporters that he signed documents relinquishing his power out of fear that violence would erupt in Haiti if he didn't comply with the demands of "American security agents."

"(They) were telling me that if I don't leave they would start shooting and be killing in a matter of time," Aristide said.

When specifically asked who the agents were, Aristide responded: "white American, white military.

"They came at night ... There were too many, I couldn't count them," he added.

Discrimination complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) The government announced Monday a settlement with American Airlines over complaints that the carrier discriminated after Sept. 11, 2001, against passengers it thought were of Arab, Middle Eastern or Southeast Asian descent.

The airline agreed to spend about $1.5 million over three years for civil rights training to employees who deal with the public.

American did not admit that it broke federal anti-discrimination laws.

The government said in a statement its investigations revealed that American had unlawfully removed passengers because of their perceived ethnic or religious background after the Sept. 11 terror attacks carried out by Arab hijackers.

The Transportation Department reached a similar settlement with United Airlines in November.

American did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

Dolly Parton honored

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Dolly Parton was recognized Monday not for her well-known musical or acting talents, but for her dedication to helping children learn to read.

Gov. Phil Bredesen presented Parton with the second annual "Reading Works!" award sponsored by NashvilleREAD in honor of her Imagination Library.

Parton founded the Imagination Library several years ago in her home of Sevier County, and it has since spread across Tennessee and to other states as well. Bredesen included $2 million in his budget as challenge grant money to help spread the program further.

The Imagination Library provides one book every month to registered children under 5 years of age.

"I think when you get into a position to help, you should," Parton said in accepting the award. She noted she was from a family of 12 children who learned to read from their mother; her father was illiterate.

"He was more proud of children calling me 'the book lady' than anything else I've done," Parton said. "These children think I'm leaving these books in their mailbox."

Bredesen said he travels to schools to read to young children and finds them "hungry for these books."

"It's so important to feed that hunger before they get left behind," he said. "Dolly knows the responsibility falls to all of us."

Coast Guard gives up search

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) The Coast Guard gave up the search Monday for 18 crewmen missing after a tanker carrying industrial ethanol exploded and sank off the Virginia coast. At least three other crewmen were killed.

"It is my sincere hope the friends and family know we did everything in our power to find their loved ones," said Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, a Coast Guard district commander.

The 570-foot Bow Mariner went down Saturday night more than 50 miles east of Chincoteague. The Coast Guard said that the explosion was accidental but that the exact cause was under investigation.

Six survivors were plucked from a life raft on Saturday. The last of them was expected to be released from a hospital Monday. The survivors, all men from the Philippines, have declined interview requests.

The Coast Guard searched Saturday night and again on Sunday until nightfall. A C-130 airplane resumed the search shortly before daybreak Monday. The Coast Guard decided to abandon the search in the afternoon.

Only small pieces of debris, such as life jackets, have been found, the Coast Guard said.

Bill passed to protect restaurants

ATLANTA (AP) Restaurants wouldn't be liable if customers got fat from eating too much, according to a bill passed unanimously by the Georgia House Monday.

The bill shields restaurants, food producers and beverage companies like Coca-Cola from obesity-related lawsuits. With little debate, the House approved the bill 169-0.

"It's up to you what you order," said Rep. DuBose Porter, D-Dublin and sponsor of the bill. "It's not the restaurant's fault. It's your fault."

The bill, which now heads to the Senate, is a response to a well-publicized lawsuit against McDonald's last year in New York. That class-action lawsuit was later dismissed, but Porter said he wanted to make sure no lawsuit like that is considered in Georgia.

"These kind of clams will not be tolerated," Porter said.

Customers could still sue if they thought food was mislabeled or otherwise sold illegally.

White House denies kidnapping

WASHINGTON (AP) The White House and the Defesne Department on Monday dismissed allegations that Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by U.S. forces eager for him to resign and flee into exile.

With U.S. military forces already on the ground in the Caribbean nation and more on the way, chief presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said, "It's nonsense, and conspiracy theories do nothing to help the Haitian people move forward to a better more free, more prosperous future."

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld also vehemently denied that Aristide had been forced out by the United States.

McClellan told reporters that Aristide left on his own free will. "We took steps to protect Mr. Aristide and his family so they would not be harmed as they departed Haiti," he said.

INTERNATIONAL

Britain's opposition party withdraws from war investigaton

LONDON (AP) Britain's main opposition party withdrew Monday from an inquiry into the quality of prewar intelligence on Iraqi weapons, further eroding Prime Minister Tony Blair's hopes of ending criticism about his decision to join the U.S.-led conflict.

Conservative Party leader Michael Howard said the review was unjustifiably narrow since it would not focus on the actions and responsibilities of individual officials in the run up to the war.

He criticized Lord Butler, a retired civil service chief heading the review, for focusing on the "structures, systems and processes" of how intelligence was gathered, rather than how the government presented the material.

"I consider it a quite unjustifiable restriction on the committee's approach," Howard added.

Blair's government said the inquiry - the fourth since Britain joined the campaign to topple Saddam Hussein - would continue and accused the Conservatives of political opportunism.

"This inquiry is made up of people whose integrity is not in question," said Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. "Its terms of reference are quite sufficiently wide to address the questions which the public wish to be answered."

In a statement released by the government, the review committee rejected Howard's criticism and said it would "follow the analysis wherever it led, including uncovering any faults by individuals."

Blair's primary rationale for joining the war was the threat posed by Saddam's alleged arsenal of chemical and biological weapons.

But the claims of an active and growing WMD program, made in two intelligence dossiers in the build up to the conflict, have not been validated by evidence on the ground. That has hurt Blair's popularity in opinion polls.

Pressure for an inquiry into the quality of that intelligence grew when David Kay, the former head of the U.S.-led Iraq Survey Group, said that he believed Britain and America were wrong about the Iraqi threat.

The British inquiry will examine the discrepancies between the "intelligence gathered, evaluated and used by the government before the conflict ... and what has been discovered by the Iraq Survey Group."

The opposition Liberal Democrats, the third-largest party in the House of Commons, had refused from the outset to join the review.

The Conservative withdrawal will not actually change the make up of the five-member inquiry committee.

In apparent defiance of Howard, Conservative lawmaker Michael Mates, who has wide experience in security matters, said he would continue to sit on the committee but would not be officially representing the party. Other members are a senior Labor lawmaker, a security and intelligence official and a former chief of Britain's defense staff.

The withdrawal is a further set back for the government since it ensures yet another day of headlines dominated by Iraq, as Blair struggles to focus public attention on his domestic agenda.

Two inquiries by parliamentary committees last year cleared the government of knowingly exaggerating the threat posed by Iraqi weapons to justify the war.

In January, senior judge Lord Hutton cleared the government of wrongdoing in the death of weapons adviser David Kelly and in the preparation of one of the dossiers on Iraqi weapons.

International briefs

Soviet religion conference

MOSCOW (AP) Religious leaders from former Soviet republics are meeting this week with the aim of strengthening religious tolerance - but the meeting excludes Catholics, accused by the Russian Orthodox Church of seeking converts.

More than 300 religious leaders from the Commonwealth of Independent States - a loose grouping of most of the former Soviet republics - are to participate in the conference beginning Tuesday, said Metropolitan Kirill, a Russian Orthodox official.

But the conference will only include what Russia recognizes officially as the "traditional religions" of Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism.

"Orthodoxy, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism have existed (in the region) for a thousand years ... the rest were exported to us," said Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church's external relations department.

The statement reflected the tensions that have arisen since the fall of the Soviet Union, in which the predominant religions of Russia and the region complain that other religions are trying to convert people on their territory.

In particular, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexy II, has accused Greek Catholics in western Ukraine, who retain Eastern-rite rituals but recognize the pope's supremacy, of having expanded into traditionally Orthodox eastern and southern Ukraine.

There are about 6 million Catholics in Ukraine, a predominantly Orthodox nation of 48 million.

Gardening effort reveals silver

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) A family removed a tree from their garden and found a treasure: 280 silver coins from the early 11th century.

The coins, most of them from Germany, were discovered several weeks ago on the Swedish island of Gotland, archaeologist Leif Zerpe of the Gotland county museum said Monday.

"At first, they didn't see anything of particular interest, but after a couple of days, they saw something glittering in the hole," he said.

Zerpe said archaeologists plan to excavate the area once the frost is gone.

The coins probably originate from a trade journey by Gotlanders to the area around the river Elbe in Germany around 1050, said Kennet Jonsson, a Stockholm University coin expert.

Archaeological finds are common on Gotland, which was an important historic trading hub. The island is now a popular summer vacation destination.

Six-day standoff ends

ASSIUT, Egypt (AP) Police stormed a town in southern Egypt Monday, freeing at least 160 hostages and ending a six-day standoff with a band of drug and weapons traffickers, authorities said. At least one gunman was killed.

The fierce battle began at dawn with police firing rocket-propelled grenades and mortars to force their way into the center of Nakhilah. The gunmen surrendered in the afternoon, releasing at least 160 civilians they had been holding.

The Interior Ministry said 21 bandits were arrested, bringing to 43 the number of suspects captured in the standoff. The leader, Izzat Mohammed Hamid, was hospitalized.

Police said he was critically wounded in the shootout. Other reports said his injuries were self-inflicted.

The siege began Wednesday, when security forces gathered near the town, long considered a center of illicit trade in arms and drugs.

The band seized the hostages Friday during a shootout with authorities. Hamid told The Associated Press at the time that his men were holding 500 civilians.

The bandits threatened to kill the hostages, who purportedly included women, children and several Coptic Christians. Hamid's band belongs to the Muslim Awlad Hanafi clan.

By the end of the standoff about 3,000 police officers and 100 armored vehicles were deployed around Nakhilah, about 200 miles south of Cairo.

As government forces closed in, the bandits destroyed water reservoirs and set fire to buildings to hinder their advance.

Woman hung twice for murder

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) A Jordanian woman convicted of murdering two children was hanged twice Monday after the rope broke the first time because of her weight, police officials said.

I'tisam Hussein, 21, fell to the ground when the rope broke but did not fracture any bones, said one of the officials who attended the execution.

She was frightened and in pain, but was not given any sedatives, he told The Associated Press, on condition of anonymity. The rope was changed and she was hanged within the hour, after a delay as prison wardens tried to calm her down.

Monday's hanging took place in Swaqa Penitentiary, 100 kilometers (62 miles) south of the Jordanian capital Amman.

Hussein was found guilty in December 2002 of drowning two children in a canal near the biblical Jordan River. She was convicted of premeditated murder for the January 2002 murders and sentenced to death by hanging.

Court records showed Hussein was seeking vengeance against her fiance's family, who opposed their marriage. She coaxed her fiance's sister and brother - aged 5 and 6 respectively - to the canal, where she drowned them.

It was the second strange hanging incident in Jordan since 1997, when the head of another woman convict split from her body during execution.

Foreign policycriticized

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) President Roh Moo-hyun called Monday for a foreign policy more independent of the United States and criticized Japan for its militaristic past in comments targeting his country's two biggest allies in the North Korean nuclear crisis.

Giving a nationally televised address marking Korea's March 1, 1919, uprising against Japanese colonial rule, Roh dismissed criticism that his foreign policy has fueled anti-Americanism among young South Koreans.

"Let's not talk about whether we are pro-American or anti-American," Roh said to rousing applause. "Whether we are pro-U.S. or anti-U.S. cannot be the yardstick to assess ourselves."

"Step by step, we should strengthen our independence and build our strength as an independent nation."

Roh's call to lessen reliance on the United States in foreign policy and security against North Korea came two days after six-nation talks ended in Beijing without major breakthroughs on how to end the crisis over the communist North's nuclear weapons programs.

Roh hailed a recent U.S.-South Korea agreement to pull U.S. troops out of the Yongsan district of central Seoul, reminding people that Yongsan has been occupied by foreign forces for more than a century and calling the area "a symbol of foreign intervention, invasion and dependence."

The 7,000 U.S. troops and family members there are scheduled to move to bases further south as early as 2007.

SPORTS

Titans capture PAC championship title

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the Westminster Titans captured their first President's Athletic Conference men's basketball championship.

The Titans defeated Bethany Bison by the score of 97-88.

Despite a sluggish first half that left the Titans trailing by seven at halftime by the count of 49-42, the Titans turned it on in the second half with two important scoring runs-of 11-2 and 16-7.

"The whole game was a microcosm of our season," first year head coach Larry Ondako said.

In other words, the Titans are a slow starting team with the knack for battling back with resolve and maturity.

In many ways, coach Ondako likened the game to the entire season. Consider that, despite a rough first half of the season, which saw their record slip to 2-8 record into 2004, the Titans have posted a 13-4 since.

In the game, junior guard Ed Pagley paced the Titans with 23 points, 20 of which came in the second half. Sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco followed with 20 markers.

Three other Titans reached double figures as junior guard Chris Hatch and sophomore forward Dom Joseph each posted 14, while freshman forward Randall Poindexter tallied a career-best 12 points.

The PAC title marks Westminster's first conference crown since the Titans captured the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (NAIA) crown during the 1995-96 campaign.

photo by Willis Bretz

Guard Mark DeMonaco busts through Bethany, scrambling for a rebound.

Westminster's championship came on their home court, as the Titans were the PAC tournament's top-seed. As a result, the Titans hosted the PAC tournament, a fact that essentially gave the Titans a raucous sixth man.

"The crowd support was super and really lifted the team," coach Ondako said. "The runs that we go on with the loudness of the crowd not only fuels our team but I thought it got in the heads of the Bethany players."

Following the PAC championship, the Titans earned a bid to participate in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III South Region Tournament. At press time, results of their first round game against Alvernia College, held in Reading, Pennsylvania, were unknown.

After a season of great success, five Titans received All-PAC laurels.

DeMonaco earned a spot on the All-PAC first team. DeMonaco paced the PAC in scoring (18.6 points per game) and three-pointers made (3.67 per game).

Junior forward Pat O'Connor and Pagley garnered All-PAC Second Team nods, while O'Connor placed in the PAC top ten in scoring, rebounding, and steals. Pagley led the PAC in steals per game (2.5).

Hatch and Joseph earned PAC honorable mention. Hatch led the PAC in free throw percentage (84.1%), while Joseph paced the Titans in blocked shots, tallying 24 on the season.

Ondako, in his first season as the Titans' head coach, shared PAC Coach of the Year honors with Grove City's Steve Lamie.

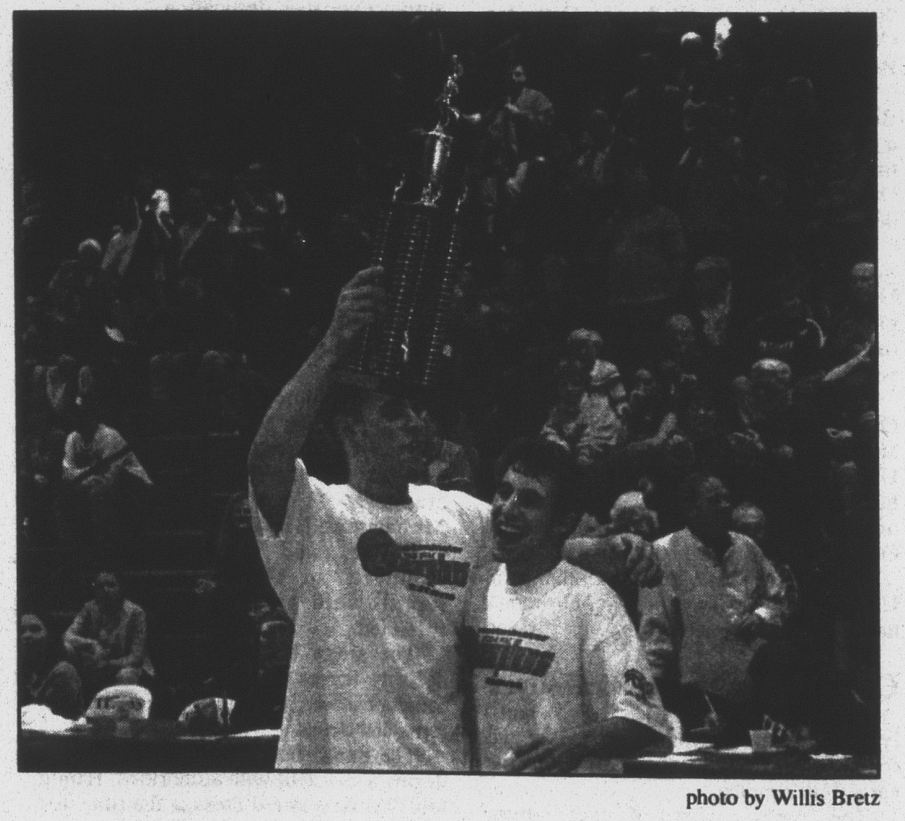
As a team that started off slowly to become conference champions with many players receiving post-season accolades, the Titans certainly turned a rocky season into a memorable one. Most remarkably, the Titans lose no seniors to graduation.

O'Connor hinted at the future of this group of Titan cagers: "With everyone coming back and hopefully some young legs coming in, we should be able to form a strong team...we had a hard time winning in the traditional way and we are going to have a hard time losing [next season] in our system."

The Titans certainly gave their fans something to savor in the second half of the 2003-2004 season. For the Titans and their fans, the 2004-2005 season can't come soon enough.

photo by Willis Bretz

Coach Larry Ondako cuts down the net as a keepsake.



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Teammates celebrate after winning the trophy.

Pittsburgh Panthers seek number 1 seed

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Many people felt the Pittsburgh Panthers shot themselves out of a 1 seed this past Sunday with a horrific shooting performance against Syracuse (the Big East's 9th ranked defense). That may be true, but the Panthers certainly strengthen their case this past Tuesday night with a commanding victory at 13th ranked Providence. Tuesday was clearly Pitt's biggest road win of the season. Freshman Chris Taft went off for 24 points in the 88-61 dismantling of the Friars.

Pitt closes its regular season this Saturday with a home date against a scrappy Villanova (14-14) squad. Pittsburgh will not only have to start a new home winning streak, they will also have to prove to the selection committee that they deserve a high ranking in the upcoming dance.

Pitt is searching for that elusive #1 seed in this year's upcoming NCAA Basketball Tournament. It is already assumed that St. Joseph's, Stanford, and Duke will all receive 1 seeds, baring a complete collapse in the next week. While all three deserve to be a top seed, there are at least a half dozen other teams fighting for the last # 1 seed.

Not many have as solid of a resume as the Panthers do though. A win this Saturday will give them twenty-seven regular season wins. Pittsburgh's RPI has been in the top 10 for the latter part of the season. They have key road wins over Providence and Syracuse, not to mention a monstrous home win over then-#5 Connecticut. As of right now, Pitt is tied for 1st place in the Big East Conference with Connecticut (both have 12-3 records heading into this weekend's games). The Panthers have clinched a 1st round bye in next week's Big East Tournament. If Pitt can run the table and win next week's tournament, not only will they be Big East Conference Champions, they will also have thirty wins for the season.

Not too many teams in Division I can say that. In fact, only a select few can. If the Panthers do finish the season with thirty wins, it will be awfully difficult for the selection committee to keep them out of a top seed. Yes, there are other teams that could qualify for a #1 seed if they finish strong in the early part of March, but will they deserve it over Pittsburgh? Let's take a team like Gonzaga for example. The Zags have had an amazing year; no one can question that. Only two loses so far, which came to the only two undefeated teams (Stanford and St. Joe's) in the country. While Gonzaga has been solid all season, would they have faired as well if they were playing in a more competitive conference such as the Big East? St. Mary's (CA) and San Diego are not the same as Providence and Connecticut. The Zags have proved they can play with the best teams in the country this year, but it's very unlikely they would be 25-2 in they had played in a conference such as the Big East. The same argument could be made for St. Joseph's too. They've only played one ranked team (Gonzaga) all year, and that was there first game of the season. Would they still be unbeaten if it weren't for their weak Atlantic-Ten schedule?

Nobody really knows for sure. In all likelihood though, St. Joe's and Stanford will remain unbeaten and Duke will find a way to win the ACC tournament and grab a #1 seed. That leaves only one open spot remaining, and Pittsburgh will have to beat Villanova on Saturday and win the conference tournament to even have a shot. Only two weeks until the Big Dance, which means there's little time to mess around. Mississippi State, Kentucky, Gonzaga, Oklahoma State, and UCONN are all in the running for the final 1 seed.

If March has taught us anything over the year's it's this: anything can happen.

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 05
SGA Pool Party — MCC Berlin Lounge
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert — Orr Auditorium
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents: The Devil's Disciple — Beeghly Theater
Saturday, March 06
Night Owl Bowling
LLP Block III Ends
SPRING FLING
7:00 AM PRAXIS (National Teachers' Exams) — Patterson Hall (various rooms)
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents: The Devil's Disciple — Beeghly Theater
3:00 PM Student Recital: Michelle Long, Flute — Wallace Memorial Chapel
Sunday, March 07
SPRING FLING
2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents: The Devil's Disciple — Beeghly Theater
3:00 PM Women's Chorus Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
6:15 PM IFC Meeting
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:30 PM Chapel Praise Band Practice — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — PH 311/312
9:00 PM Movie in McKelvey — MCC 219
Monday, March 08
Greek Organizations' Meetings
LLP Block IV Begins
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:00 PM Panhel Meeting
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
7:30 PM Organ Recital Series: Ray Ocock, Organist (Professor Emeritus) — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Senior Salute — MCC Carlson Atrium
4:00 PM Allies Meeting — PH 311
7:00 PM Auditions for Theatre Westminster Production of The Baker from Madrigal — Beeghly Theater
Tuesday, March 09
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
5:30 PM SAA Meeting
7:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bookstore Ring Day Info Table — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
4:30 PM Fireside Chat with President Williamson and Dean Edman — MCC Berlin Lounge
8:30 PM Student Pre-Law Meeting — PH 231
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Admissions Office High School Presentation — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
5:15 PM SAA New Member Reception — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 PM Auditions for Theatre Westminster Production of The Baker from Madrigal — Beeghly Theater
7:00 PM International Film Festival: Monsoon Wedding — MCC 219
7:30 PM Faculty Recital: Rob Cole — Orr Auditorium
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352
Wednesday, March 10
Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352
PE2 Classes Begin (M,W)
Last Day to Change Incomplete Grades
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
3:00 PM M Tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Skin Safety Display — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Shahroukh Mistry, — MCC 219
4:30 PM SGA Senators Banquet — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
5:00 PM Seekers Concert Committee — MCC 352
Thursday, March 11
W Swimming @ NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in St Louis, MO
PE2 Classes Begin (T,R)
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
6:30 PM SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge
11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting — MCC 255
1:00 PM Baseball @ St. Vincent
12:00 PM Blarney Tones Concert — Orr Auditorium Lobby
5:30 PM College Republicans Meeting — TC 210
7:00 PM SIFE and Your Credit Cards — MCC 219
8:15 PM Alpha Psi Omega Children's Show: Little Red and the Hoods — MCC Berlin Lounge
Friday, March 12
Last Meal Before Break: Lunch
PCMEA Song Fest — Orr Auditorium
Baseball @ Spring Break Trip (through 3/19)
W Swimming @ NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in St Louis, MO
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close
Tuesday, March 23
First Meal After Break: Dinner
12:30 PM M Tennis @ Pitt-Greensburg
2:00 PM Residence Halls Open
3:00 PM Softball @ Pitt-Greensburg
7:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352
Wednesday, March 24
CLASSES RESUME (Monday Classes Meet)
Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
3:00 PM M Tennis @ Grove City
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Paul Eisenstein, — MCC 219
Thursday, March 25
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
5:00 PM Seekers Exec Meeting — MCC 352
6:30 PM SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge
3:00 PM Softball vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
5:30 PM College Republicans Meeting — TC 210

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Yay for napkin baskets on the tables in the TUB!

I'm not short.
I'm sizeically challenged!

Can we stop with the credit card applications?

I'm *so* giving up guys for Lent...

I'm on the eternal quest to get bread.

There's a difference between liberal and stupid.

And a difference between conservative and jerk.

First ever dance team...first ever PAC champs. Coincidence? I think not.

Luck be a Lady was great!

Tom Sellack!!!

If life is bad it's not my fault. Kapeesh?

Why does the ladie's bathroom in McKelvey smell like garbage?

Saved by the Bell on DVD! Yeah baby!

Noodle is a funny word.

I guess security is more worried about solitaire than about students' needs.

Grow up already.

I feel like I've been drinking...but I haven't. That makes me sad.

I don't want the nice weather to go away. Can I keep it? Please? I'll walk it, and feed it, and clean up after it. I promise.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Shoplift This

Students have received letters in their mailboxes from the Office of Business Affairs announcing the new meal plan change for next year. Joy to the world. Our complaints have been heard and the fine people of the food services committee have responded accordingly and complied with our requests. Or have they?

It seems to us that with this letter, Dear Mother Sodexho has just fed us warm milk and cookies, read us a happy bedtime story, tucked us into our beds, patted our naïve little heads and turned off the lights.

But the cookies are overpriced, the story is misleading, and we are not naïve.

We are also not children. So don't treat us like children. You cannot spoon feed us bad tasting information, while making airplane noises to distract us from the actual flavor. Looking at the real picture, this "new" meal plan is really the same as the existing meal plan, only with a different name to appease our discontent. But are we really getting a better deal?

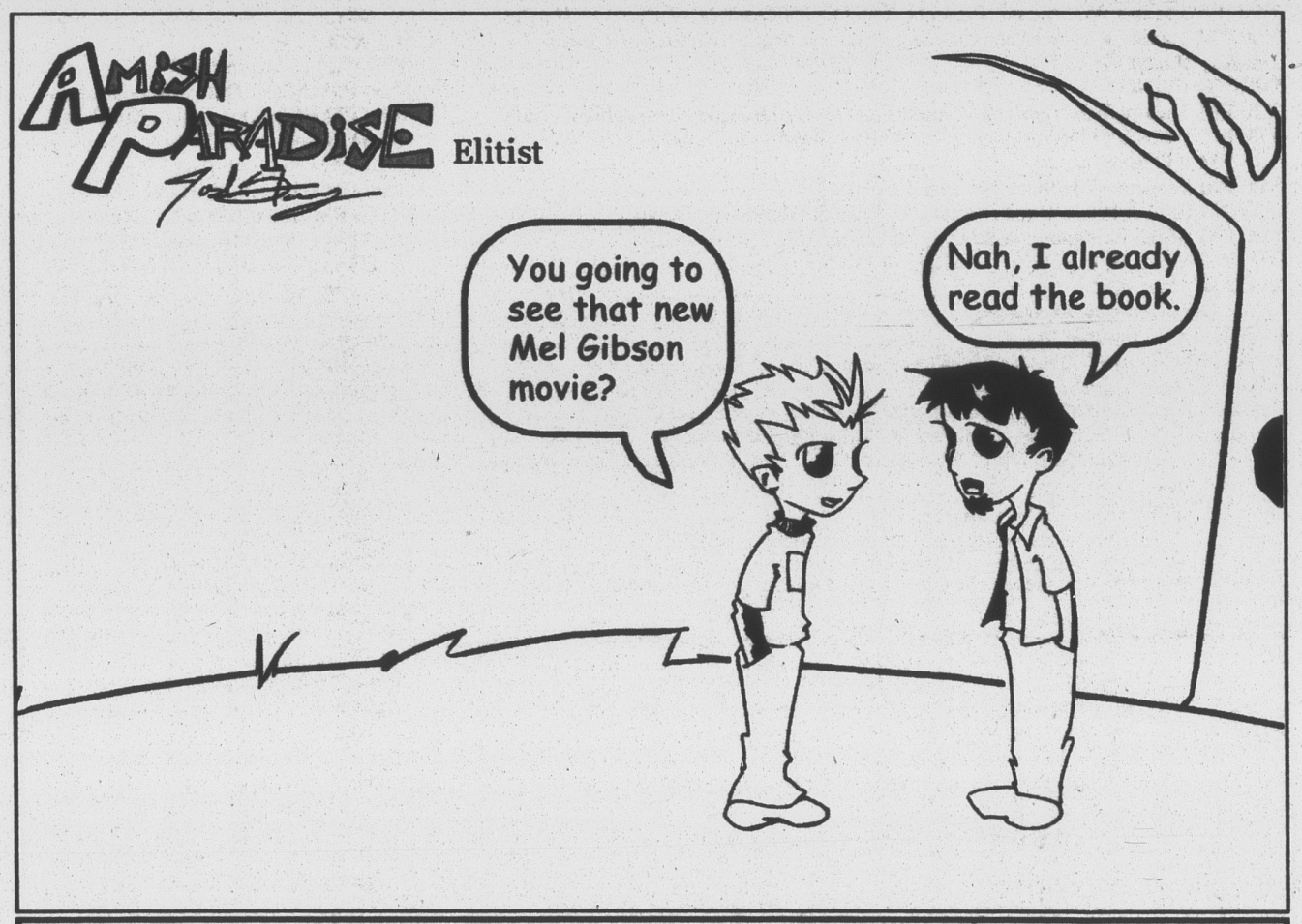
Dear Mother Sodexho has just fed us warm milk and cookies, read us a happy bedtime story, tucked us into our beds, patted our naïve little heads and turned off the lights.

Let's look at the real picture here.

Say you are currently paying for the Block 135 meal plan, which allots an average number of 9.5 meals per week for a cost of $1,100. So for next year, you choose the almost equivalent plan allotting 9.3 meals a week for a cost of $850. That sounds good, right? Oh no, our apologies. That price fails to include the $500 "resident dining facilities" fee that is automatically added to each new meal plan. Silly us. So, this new meal plan actually adds up to a total of $1,350. And if our calculations are correct, that is $250 more than the previous meal plan, which offers the same average number of meals for a lower cost. So remind us, how are we getting a better deal again?

The purpose of this mysterious $500 fee is said to cover the College's cost for the fixed expenses of the dining services operation, such as heating and other utilities, the repair and replacement of equipment and furnishings and service contracts. If you multiply $500 times the 1,100 students living on campus who are required to purchase a meal plan, that adds up to $550,000 to pay for these so-called "fixed" costs. Excuse us, but we would rather pocket that extra $550,000 and offer a new gym class in which the students run on giant hamster wheels to generate power for the heating of the TUB.

And is this really an expense the students should be paying for? When you go to Wendy's for a $0.99 value meal, do they charge you an extra dollar to pay for the electric heating of your French fries?



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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I, along with many other students, was alarmed at the steep rise in prices of the new meal plan. I agree with the idea behind it, but there seem to be a few discrepancies. For instance, I currently have the 175 meal plan, which consists of 12 meals per week and costs $1300. The least expensive option in the new plan costs $1250, and only includes 7.7 meals per week. The most expensive meal plan costs $1500, and only includes 11 meals. As a meal plan is mandatory for all students, it seems that my only options are to lose one meal a week and pay $200 more, to lose 4.3 meals a week and pay $50 less, or to choose the middle plan, pay $50 more, and lose 2.7 meals a week. None of these are particularly appealing to me, as my friends and I can no longer eat in the dining hall due to acid reflux, intestinal problems, and food poisoning that have developed from the food. We had planned on purchasing the smallest meal plan and preparing the rest of our meals ourselves, as that would provide a more nourishing and affordable alternative. However, the new meal plan would force us to pay the same amount of money or more for less meals, and then be forced to buy the remaining half of our meals out of our own pockets. As college students, we simply do not have enough money to do this.

By instituting the $500 resident dining facilities fee, the student body will be providing $1.6 million in the next year. This seems a bit odd, as Andrew J. McKelvey donated $40 million to the campus center (to the best of my knowledge). In addition, working for the Westminster Phone-a-thon, I am aware that we raised thousands of dollars in donations in order to obtain a grant, all of which went directly to the McKelvey center. Sodexho also made large contributions to the new building. Surely some of this money still remains to cover operation costs, as in all logical thought I cannot imagine the building costing well over $40 million.

I work three jobs in the course of a year. I have grants, loans, a scholarship, and the help that my family can afford to give. Every semester presents the challenge of finding enough funds for tuition and books. The multiple tuition increases over the years have been detrimental enough. Forgive me if I am wrong, but I do not understand why making up for overspending should fall to the students.

Respectfully,
Pamela R. Chovan

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

The Passion of the Christ

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Well before we get started this week, just a quick recap on the Oscars: Totally called Return of the King's victory. Chris went 19/24 overall, Tom went 17/24. Needless to say Tom's mad that Chris beat him.

Now, onto our review, likely the hardest one we've ever had to do. Both of us have had religious upbringings, neither of us Catholic. What does this mean for our view going into the movie? We had no idea what to expect. Simply, it was all the hype that drove us to see this movie and it was other people's opinions that were influencing us before we began. The campus had been abuzz with talk of The Passion of the Christ before we ever got a chance to see it Sunday afternoon (in lieu of church). Like it was said before, neither of us are extremely religious but we both have faith.

The Passion of the Christ is the story of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life, also including some time before that, seen in flashbacks of memories of various characters that Jesus had influenced during his life. It is a story that most everyone has heard before, Christian or not. In the film, we are presented with Mel Gibson's view of what occurred during these last hours of the Messiah. From there the audience simply watches this vision unfold on the screen for two hours.

Before going into this film, please note that all the hype is true. This is not your Sunday school version of the death of Christ (probably not the CCD version either but we don't know for sure). This film is extremely violent, and without a doubt the most violent movie ever made when the violence is centered on one individual. Gibson has written the events in a way that is strict to his traditional Catholic beliefs. While this generated controversy with many Jewish leaders fearing it would entice anti-Semitism, in actuality the movie portrays only a select group of Jews to be blamed for the death of Jesus and also places much of the blame for the violent nature of the death on the Romans.

It is the story that drives the movie. Little is spoken and what is spoken is in Aramaic or Latin. There are subtitles but they're not particularly needed unless you're looking to spot exact quotes from the Bible. To aid the story is the superbly acted cast, led by Jim Caviezel as Jesus. It is the soft spoken, humble nature of his performance that makes it incredibly genuine. Never before has it seemed more like watching God himself on screen. The supporting cast of mainly unknown actors, including Hristo Shopov as Pontius Pilate, Maia Morgenstern as Mary, and Matrix babe, Monica Bellucci as Mary Magdalene, mold the story and make it complete. But what shines above all is the direction.

Mel Gibson has made his masterpiece, pushing Braveheart to the side. You can see all of his hard work, his tears, his energy, and his faith in watching this film. Some of his decisions and ideas are purely original. One particular highlight is the shot of the first raindrop, which I'm sure any viewer of the film can remember. The film is continuously building in tension and violence and becomes more and more overwhelming as it leads to the climax of all climaxes. He brings out such raw emotions in his actors and especially in his audience.

Rarely has a film had such a profound impact on an audience, as everyone in the theatre was overcome with pure raw emotion. Despite what each person may believe, there is no denying the power and amazing emotion wrung in this film. This movie is a masterpiece, and even some over-the-top scenes involving the devil cannot ruin this film in the slightest. This film deserves a solid A in our book.

My awards show has a first name, it's O-S-C-A-R

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

I swear this is the last time I'll talk about the Oscars. Until next year, that is. Ha! Take that. Err... Anyway. In my post-Oscar high, I thought it was the greatest year for the awards ever. However, I've had some time to digest, mull it over, and I changed my mind. Kind of.

Let's start with Billy Crystal. On most occasions, I enjoy him and his humor. He does great impressions and tells quality jokes. *When Harry Met Sally* is one of my favorite movies. Unfortunately, Billy was not on his A game Sunday night. He had a few good on-liners, but I thought the opening sequence and song fell sort of flat. I vote for Robin Williams to host next year. Or a Jack Black and Will Farrell double-team.

I was also not all that into the pre-game interviews done by the Entertainment Tonight, Jr. squad. Get some new questions, Maria Menounos. The kids from "Mike's Super Short Show" on the Disney Channel could have done a better job.

But let's remember, I thought this was the greatest Oscars since the debut of individually wrapped cheese slices. Some of the better moments of the evening were courtesy of the presenters and winners. Jim Carrey's introduction to director, writer, and producer Blake Edwards was classic, as was Edwards' speech for his honorary award. Andrew Stanton's acceptance speech for Best Animated Feature was just plain sweet. I loved that Adrian Brody poked fun at himself when presenting Best Actress, complete with breath mints. And major props to Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara for their Best Original Song nominee performance. If you haven't see *A Mighty Wind* yet, get on the stick.

I was pleased with all the Best Actor/Actress winners. Tim Robbins, a completely underrated actor, director, and writer, was way past his due to be honored. If Renee Zellweger can make me not want to strangle her in a role, then sign her on up for an award. Charlize - while her career is spotty, *Monster* is every bit the vehicle for this kind of award. Sean Penn is in the same boat as Tim Robbins - he's done a lot of incredible stuff over the years.

> How can the Oscars improve? One, Jack Black and Will Farrell for co-hosts. Two, how about a good temper tantrum by some of the losers?

However, there weren't any upsets. Each of those actors was more or less expected to win, save in the Best Actor category. As much as I love Johnny Depp, I didn't expect him to win. We all know that man was just happy to have been invited to the party.

I can't call this week's column complete without mentioning Peter Jackson and *Lord of the Rings*. They tied with Titanic and Ben Hur for most awards won, although those two movies were nominated for more, but lost in a few categories. Granted, the Academy waited until the trilogy was complete to honor the production. Six years of adapting, directing, editing, CGI-ing, blood, sweat, and tears. I, too, was about to move to New Zealand so that I could be thanked. And I still stand by my statement during the Golden Globes, - someone get Peter Jackson a comb.

Side note (to Tom and Chris), overall, I was 8 for 8 for my predictions in the big categories - Best Actor, Actress, Supporting Actor, and Supporting Actress, Original Screenplay, Director, and Film of the Year. Where's my cookie?

How can the Oscars improve? One, Jack Black and Will Farrell for co-hosts. Two, how about a good temper tantrum by some of the losers? I want to see them yell or kick the chair of the person in front of them or bolt out of their seat, rip off their tie and/or necklace and throw it on the floor. I guess the closest thing I'll ever get to that was Bill Murray's face when they announced the Best Actor award. It just screamed, "I just lost to Spicoli?!?"

Folk duo surprises

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

This past Wednesday, folk duo Armor & Sturtevant played in the McKelvey student lounge. The performance was put together by Dr. Virginia Tomlinson the Diversity Symposium.

The husband and wife duo consists of Kelly Armor and Dave Sturtevant. They have been composing and performing on a full-time basis since 1993 and play a hybrid of East African traditional, American old-timey, and their own original music on a wide variety of instruments. The duo's original song, You Dance Like You Drive, was recently selected for NPR show Car Talk's latest compilation CD entitled Born NOT To Run: More Disrespectful Car Songs. They have collaborated with a ballet company, a flute choir, an African drum and dance ensemble, and Appalachian cloggers.

"I wasn't sure at first what I would think about this musical combination but I really enjoyed their sound. My favorite song was the haunting Scottish ballad," senior Rachel Lange said. During the song Rachel is talking about, which was also one of my favorite, Kelly demonstrated her ability to play the bass flute while doing vocal har-

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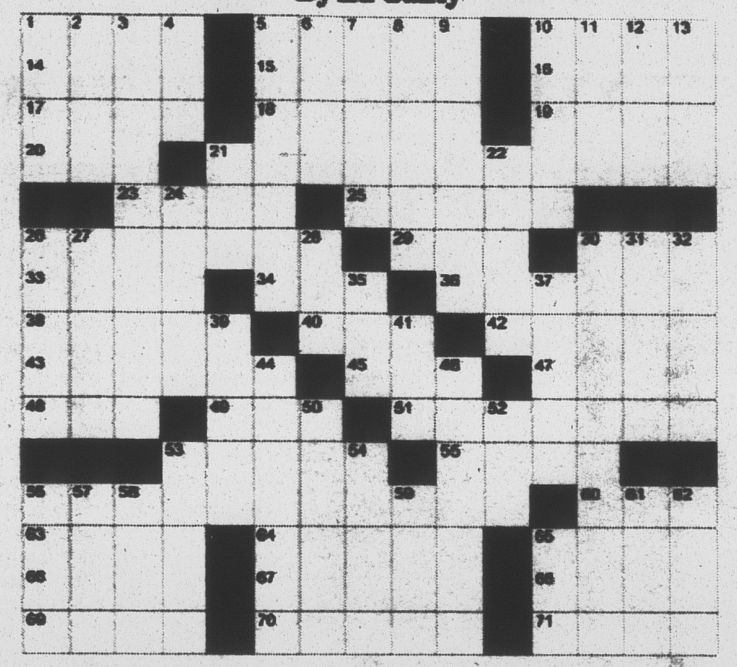
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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7 Frolics
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10 Cuts short
11 Miss Horne
12 Prefix for opposite
13 Sheepskin covering
21 Word before hat or ear
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24 Crest
26 Beelzebub
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28 Tear
30 Coat of the bunny
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46 Freshness
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Quotable Quote

To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains.

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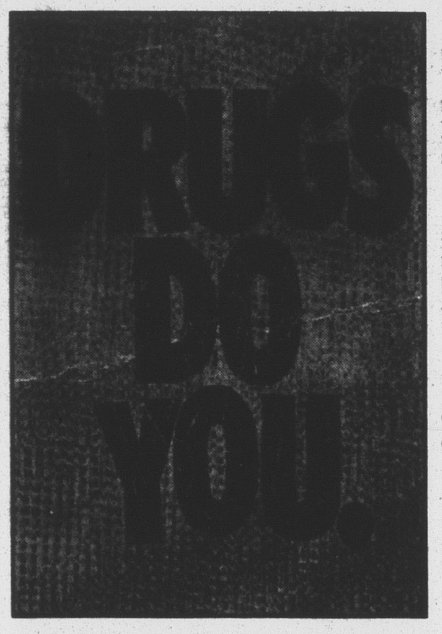


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You have a tendency to keep a lot of good things secret, especially your accomplishments. Doing some rather unfavorable chores for a loved one will result in heartfelt gratitude. You live in the present and loath dwelling on the past. Don't whine.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You seem to be able to handle just about anything that may be thrown your way in regards to surprises. By putting a lot of faith in those you love, it is a shock when someone lets you down. Keep your self-esteem intact and take time out for yourself too.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Ongoing relationships are a little strained presently, and new ones are somewhat dubious. Just wait it out and things will improve soon. Money is not important to you, but you enjoy having enough so you can do the things you want, without counting the cost.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Being quite a homebody, now would be an excellent time to capitalize on any inclinations you have in that direction. Your love life is quite intense lately. It is especially exciting that your loved one's emotional intensity matches or even surpasses your own.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
This week you need to capitalize on your powers of persuasion and emerge a winner in a business-financial negotiation - as well as in your love life. You seem to be happier in a relationship than you are alone. But since your standards are incredibly high, expect a few dry spells.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Even at the best of times you have to guard against a tendency to adopt a negative attitude toward life in general and romance in particular. Whether you know it or not, you are very capable of getting by on your own. Being a fast thinker, you handle sticky situations well.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You are very good at keeping secrets, especially about how you feel about others. Your love relationship may not always be as harmonious as it appears to others. Enjoying companionship and the sharing of ideas is important, and you tend to focus on the positive side of everything.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Beneath your strong, independent exterior lies a desire for a truly fulfilling relationship. Resist in the temptation to indulge in self-destructive behavior if you become unhappy. Emotional satisfaction can also be found in renewing old friendships.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Although you usually have a significant other, you do much better on your own. Independence is your motto. Your real strength lies in your ever present optimism. Learn to value those worse moments of your life and learn from them. You have a natural athletic ability.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
The inherent fatalism that seems to follow you around may stifle any positive attitudes needed for you to get ahead. Your strength lies in your ability to move forward, so you need to work on gaining control over your negative thoughts. Being practical and living in the real world are your strong suits.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Feeling dependent on others is the type of situation you steer clear of, especially when it comes to any emotional relationships. Since you do quite all right on your own, avoid hermit-like tendencies. Your compassionate nature will get you into more trouble than it's worth.

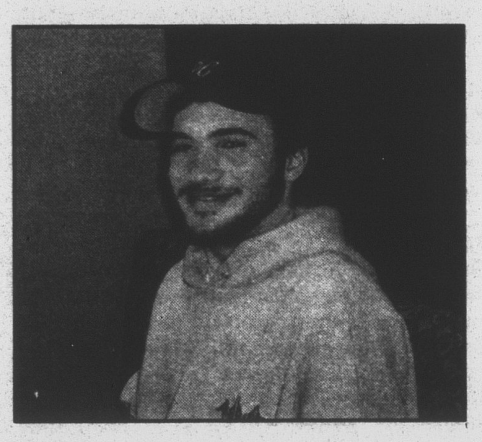
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Verbalizing your feelings to a loved one could be the best way to clear the air, providing tact is used. You are feeling quite attractive lately and that feeling is communicated to everyone else. You are in touch with the guiding impulses of your nature and enjoy expressing yourself.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The main focus for you right now is on work, meeting your responsibilities and health matters. Relationships are important, but you must stand on your own two feet. Your yearly income will start improving.

FEATURE

Question of the Week: Do you say...

Rubberband or Gumband? Soda or Pop? Pittsburgh or Picksburgh?



"Rubberband."
- Bobby Bires, sophomore

"Gumband."
- Erin Gardner, senior

"Pop."
- Micah Delo, sophomore

"Pop."**- Kristen Shepard, junior**

"Sometimes it's both: sodapop and rubbergumband."
- Colby Neely, freshman

"Rubberband." **- Heather Evakich, sophomore**

"Gumband." **- Beth Grubbs, junior**

"Rubberband." **- Chris Hatch, junior**

"Picksburgh." **- Joselyn Parker, freshman**

"Pittsburgh." **- Jeanette Arthur, freshman**

"Picksburgh." **- Shane McCullough, sophomore**

It's human nature: love American style

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

It's your wedding day. Everything has gone perfectly - no one lost the ring, and there were no seriously awful antics the night before. You saw your one and only in their finest and your heart melted - this is the love of your life. Everyone you invited showed up to see you marry your beloved. And as you gaze into your love's eyes, some people come storming into the middle of your wedding.

"It's not right!" they yell, brandishing religious symbols and paperwork. "This isn't allowed! Stop this at once - you're evil!"

Okay. Maybe the evil statement is a little extreme. But how would you feel if somebody you've never met in your entire life just told you that you aren't allowed to marry your true love? It's not fiction. It's happening here and now.

I think you know what I'm talking about. It's an issue that's flooding the nation, and while the men in charge want to discriminate against homosexuals, polls from sources such as USA Today show an overwhelming opposition to this new proposed ban on gay marriage. Of course, there's the biggest question in all of this - why is gay marriage so evil?

There are numerous arguments as to why gay marriage should be banned. One is that it is 'unnatural': But since when has this country been so obsessed with the natures of the human body? We wear eyeglasses, and polyester, not to mention the widespread use and encouragement to use birth control. All of these things are unnatural, and if it's true that homosexuality is unnatural, then does that mean that people with poor eyesight should be banned from using glasses? It sounds a little shady, doesn't it?

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Some people argue that allowing gay people to marry will make heterosexual marriages less meaningful. But let's not forget that this is a society in which people can get married one night and divorced the next. Britney Spears did a wonderful job of demonstrating that herself.

There's a very popular viewpoint that the union of two homosexual people is simply not supported by religion. But...we don't live in a theocracy, do we? Since when is the religious view of one - or even many - forced upon all the people in our country? It's not, and it shouldn't be. The Puritans came here from England escaping religious oppression - perhaps this country would rather go back to those British roots. I would hope it wouldn't.

Now, I know we attend a religious school with a conservative student body. Unfortunately, it's a sad fact that some people in this world cannot open their minds to accept new ideas. After all, there was a time when a person with darker skin couldn't ride the same bus as a white man. It was considered dirty. There was a time when women were officially deemed weaker and less intelligent than men. These times have changed - but the stubbornness of our society hasn't.

Here's another argument - in two parts. The first part being that since homosexual couples cannot produce children, they shouldn't be allowed to marry. Of course, that would imply that infertile couples should also be disallowed to marry. The second part of the argument that is a child has to have a male and female role model in order to be raised properly. If this had any bearing at all, then it would be illegal for single parents to raise children, wouldn't it?

There are tons of arguments. I could go on for pages listing all the different viewpoints on this issue. But here's one that I find really interesting: civil unions, because they provide most of the same benefits as marriage but with a different name, are better. Why are they better? Is a 'separate but equal' institution constitutional?

These are all personal responses to a lot of the excuses flying around the topic lately. Excuses for not being accepting of other people's differences. Will an amendment to our constitution banning same-sex marriages be a benefit to our society? I can't see how it would be - it's simply introducing more discrimination into our country. How can that be good? How can that be ethical?

Perhaps it's my own self that can't see another point of view. But I know that when I get married, it will be for love. I will never allow any amount of politicians to tell me who to love, and that's all that matters to me. Does it matter to you?

Insert Angry Voice Here: Oh the Drama!

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Do you know what I'm sick of? I'm sick of fake people. Yes, that's right. I'm sick of people who pretend to be your friend, yet will say horrible things about you behind your back. I'm sick of people who pretend to be something they aren't, just so others will think better of them for it. I'm sick of people who over-romanticize and exaggerate their problems just so that they can be the center of attention – so that all may pity them and their plethora of problems.

You know who you are and you need to fix it, or you need to stop complaining when you find out that you have no friends.

Yes, admittedly, all of us do it. All of us talk about someone behind their back – it's inevitable, especially on this campus. All of us engage in particularly juvenile behavior at one point or another – I'm no exception. But that is no excuse and no reason to continue behaving in a manner that only isolates you from other people. You can't hide a backstabbing nature from anyone, least of all yourself.

If you have a problem with someone, talking about them behind their backs will not solve said problem. In fact, I guarantee it will make it worse.

If you're so desperate to be loved, then love yourself. Learn to accept who you are and shut up with the whole bashing others thing. If you're so desperate to be loved, listen to other people for a change, and try to put yourself in their shoes.

> Try to put yourself in their shoes...It took me 21 years to even gain a semblance of how to do that.

It took me 21 years to even gain a semblance of how to do that. If you're so desperate to be loved, treat people decently, and realize that you are not the center of the universe. So stop it, and be something. Be yourself.

Don't be the person who can't see past a layer of thickly-applied make-up. Don't be the person who can't see past someone's clothes or someone's taste of music or movies. Don't be the person who talks about other people behind their backs. Don't be the person who is only a friend when the other person is within earshot. Stop the act – it's childish. We're in college, and we are legally and biologically adults. So just stop it.

I say all of this because I was once in your shoes. I say all of this because I'm trying to break out of that garbage that was my life and my own self-hatred. I say all of this because you need to wake up, shut up, grow up, and get a face. I say all of this because you need to hear it. For once, stop bemoaning your latest drama and listen to me – you'll be fine.

Life goes on and old wounds heal as long as you let them. Trust me, you'll be fine. You'll be fine. You will be fine. Move on.

Help someone instead of whining about your own problems. I'm trying my hardest, and it's a difficult task, but all of us need to do that.

The big question is of course, how? First off: Resist the urge to talk about other people when they can't hear you. It's like a crack addiction, I know, but you need to break it. Second: Realize nobody is superior in this world. You may have a 4.0, but you know what? There is someone who can sing and dance better than you. You may be a top-notch athlete, but you know what? There is someone who could explain the rules of your sport more clearly than you could ever imagine. There are a myriad of talents, and nobody – nobody – is better or worse than anybody else. You have to kill that little voice in your head that says "they don't matter."

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You are the same decaying organic stuff that I am, and that your neighbor is, and that every living being is.

Third: Try to be kind to others for a change. Do one good thing every day. If you are doing something cruel or arrogant, stop and ask yourself why you're doing it. If you have anything resembling a good reason, I will be genuinely shocked. In fact, e-mail me if you have a reason for being arrogant. Please.

That is the number one thing you must do: You must always ask yourself why you are doing the things you do, saying the things you say, behaving the way you behave. Then, if you don't like your reasons, change them. That is the only way to pull out of this cycle. All of us deserve that, so do it. Shut up and do it.

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No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: Ideal Superheroes

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

In this article, Rich and I have decided to construct our perfect ideological superhero *insert Superman theme music*, if you will. We may use the characteristics of any politician in order to create this infallible political creature. So the question now before me is this: If I could construct the perfect Republican, what would he be like? Let's get it on!

Ok, first and foremost, he-oh wait, let me clarify. My "perfect" Republican is going to have to be a man, because, let's face it, our country hasn't been exactly eager to follow a woman (Hillary has ruined our chances of that one). But have no fear my female colleagues, I'll add in some feminine persuasion later on in the article.

So getting back to my "Build-a-conservative" project, he would first be given the communication abilities of "The Great Communicator" himself, Ronald Reagan. Oh, just reading his name puts a smile on my face. Now whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, you've got to admit that Reagan knew how to work an audience, be it through television, radio, speeches, or one-on-one dialogue. That man left you feeling safe, secure, and confident at the end of every one of his speeches. Gaining the respect and trust of the American people is vital to an effective politician, so Reagan's mouth will do just the trick.

Next, he must have the mind of Tucker Carlson. Tucker is a writer, political analyst, and co-host of CNN's "Crossfire". And quite frankly, he's brilliant. Now I'm not sure if I'm cheating on this one, because he's not an actual politician, but it's my article! Besides, Tucker knows the ins and outs of our political system like it's the bow-tie rack at Kaufmann's. He's the genius of conservative politics, and with his wit, we can't lose.

I would then give him the heart of George W. Bush. Wow, I know you're all sick of hearing about him, especially from me, but hear me out. This man has true convictions, morals, and character. Now some people don't think that these traits are necessary of a politician, but I do. I would like to know that my representative to the government actually believes in what he's legislating or enforcing, wouldn't you? That's why I pick George, because he doesn't listen to what's politically safe. Instead, he listens to his heart.

Just for kicks, we'll give him the body of Arnold Schwarzenegger (just the body, people, not the accent, intelligence, or horrible acting career). Now can you imagine negotiating with someone who looked like Arnold? I'd pay to see it. Maybe the average American would tune into "Fox News" for the replay and actually learn something about current events.

Well, we can't have this perfect Republican be a bachelor now, can we? So let's give him a proper wife. Since it wouldn't be ethical to choose myself, I pick (drumroll please) Mary Matalin. For those of you who don't know her, Matalin is a political strategist of the conservative party, and oddly enough, wife of liberal nutcase James Carville. I admire this woman so much. She's smart, sassy, and holds her own in a male-dominated political forum. Besides, I want to reward her for dealing with Baldy, and even having his children, by giving her this Republican paragon.

And my perfect Republican is complete. Unfortunately, due to limited space and the chance of boring you, I had to leave out some great conservative figures. Maybe we can make a sequel to this article: "The Perfect Politican 2: Back in the White House". Just a thought.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

So often in politics, especially during a Presidential election, we hear of the infamous search for the "perfect candidate". In this article, I will construct my ideal candidate using progressives from throughout history.

I would first start out by using the "political genius" of our 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After coming into office in the depths of the Great Depression, Roosevelt enacted, in his first "100 days", broad and sweeping changes to the federal government in an attempt to revitalize the economy and the lives of American's everywhere. In his second of four terms as President, Roosevelt created Social Security, enacted new power over big business and banks and worked to improve the situation of organized labor. In the end, Roosevelt will be remembered as the political genius that revolutionized American politics and the world.

Adding yet more to my political creation, I would then add the honesty and integrity of James E. Carter, our 39th President. Honesty and integrity are both important, yet sometimes ignored, attributes necessary to be a good politician; and Jimmy Carter was a pantheon of both. Striving to make the nation, "competent and compassionate", Carter's 1976 Presidential run had one key message; "I will never lie to you". It is because of this attitude; along with advocacy for human rights and decency, racial harmony and true compassion; that I add his qualities to my perfect candidate.

We have political savvy and compassion, but now we need some real world intelligence and experience; and no one has more of either than William Jefferson Clinton. Say what you will about Bill Clinton's moral and ethical deficiencies, however, you must admit that he truly is an example of the "American Dream". He was born in Hope, Arkansas to near poverty, yet through hard work and determination, he eventually graduated from Georgetown University and received a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. He later returned to school and received a law degree from Yale University. He eventually became the Governor of Arkansas and then defeated President George H.W. Bush in 1992 to become our 42nd President. President Clinton, throughout his eight years in office, strived to make our country a better place for all citizens; as he had seen the horrors of poverty and oppression first hand.

And while this may surprise some, I am adding qualities of a Republican to my list; namely the courage and tenacity of Theodore Roosevelt. Though a Republican, Teddy led our nation in some of the most progressive public reforms it has ever seen; and often times this was done to the displeasure of many powerful foes including big business, government corruption and other nations. Roosevelt saw the Presidency as a "steward of the people" who was to pursue, within his legal power, what was best for the people. To quote his favorite bible verse, Roosevelt liked to "Speak softly and carry a big stick. . . .".

And to finish off this "perfect candidate", I will use attributes from those who sought this past democratic nomination. In addition to all mentioned above, I would add the charisma of John Edwards, combined with the compassion and idealism of Dennis Kucinich, added to the plain-speaking energy of Howard Dean, mixed with the heroics of John Kerry and topped off with the humor and style of the Rev. Al Sharpton.

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Dave sung beautifully during the Scottish ballad and also demonstrated an ebow, which is an object that has a slight magnetic field that is used to make a guitar hold a note much like a flute. After the show I talked with him a little bit about some popular musicians who have used an ebow. He said that he thought Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page experimented with it some. He also said that King Crimson's Robert Frip and Talking Heads guitarist Adrian Belu both used it.

I was also very impressed by one of Dave Sturtevant's guitars. It was a resophonic guitar which means it has a cone inside of it that resonates much like the cone inside of a speaker. The guitar was made by Larry Pogreba from Willowcreek Montana and is almost entirely comprised of recycled materials. The body is made out of aluminum and the face of the guitar is covered by a hubcap off of a '64 Rambler. The neck of the guitar is made out of a mahogany dining room table leg.

Kelly Armor studied flute and composition at Yale before spending 2-1/2 years in Kenya and Tanzania. There she lived with native people and collected their songs, folklore, and instruments. She performs on voice, flute, bass flute, fife, whistle, chivoti, kalimba, kayamba, accordion, and concertina. Kelly has given workshops and lectures on East African music and culture for the Library of Congress.

David Sturtevant grew up listening to and accompanying the fiddle playing of his father. Dave's songs reflect his old-time roots and his lifetime of living along the Great Lakes. Dave performs on voice, acoustic, electric, and resophonic guitars, banjo, and fiddle. Before co-founding the duo he held a variety of jobs including stints in regional country and rock bands, teaching guitar, designing audio installations, and even working as a spy. "In my next life," he says, "I aspire to be a professional knitter."

His original songs are greatly influenced by a lifetime of living along Lake Erie and the fiddle tunes of his father. Most recently his songs have been recorded and performed by other nationally touring folk musicians such as Dan Duggan, John Kirk, Neal and Leandra, and Sue Trainor.

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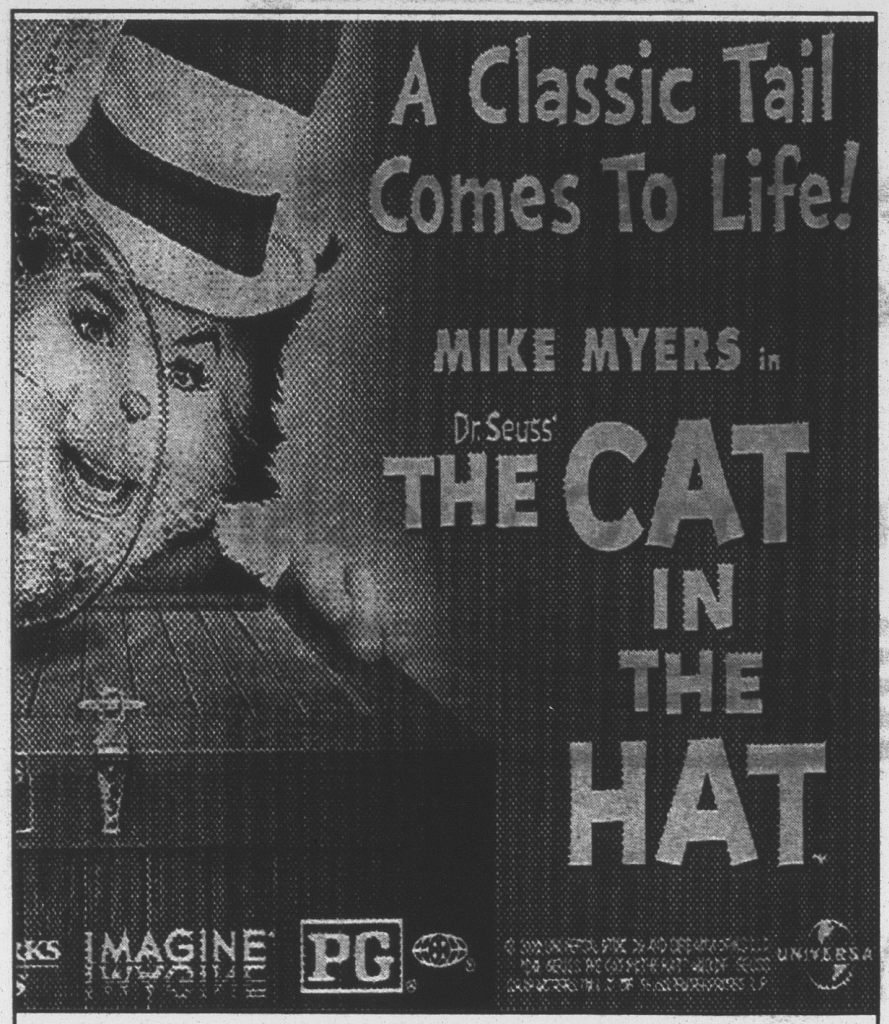

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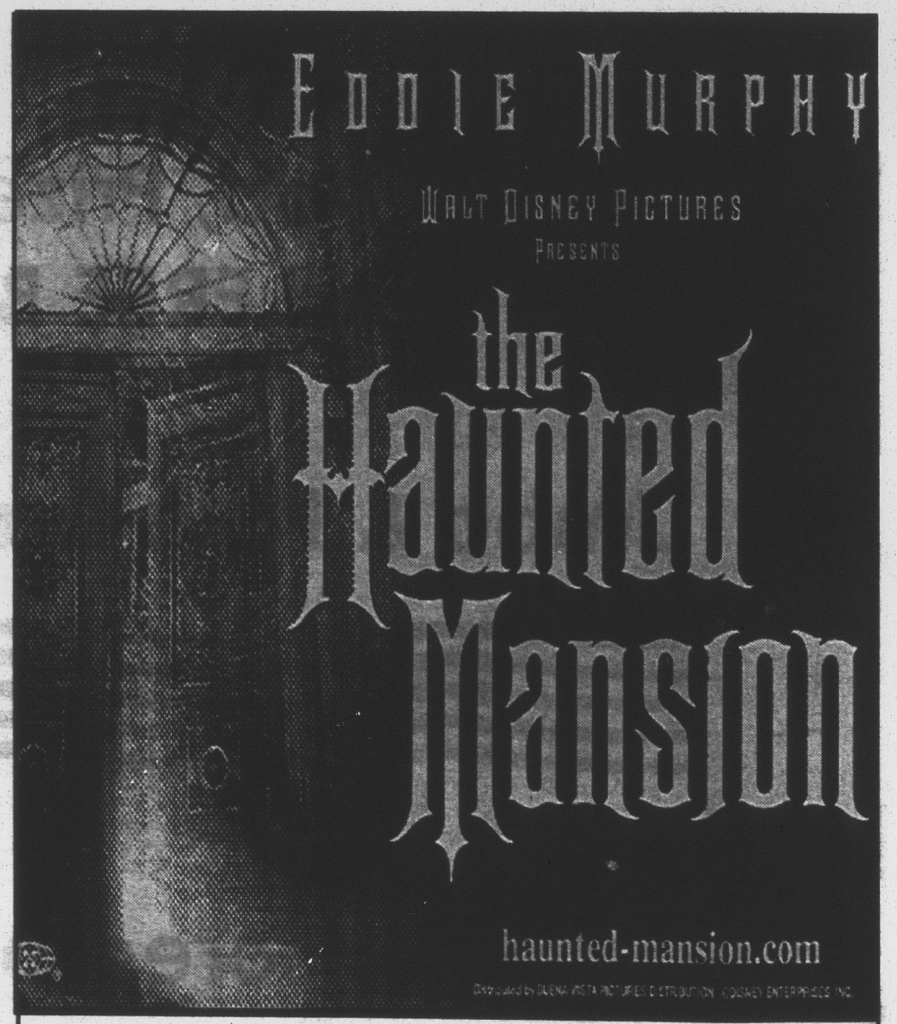

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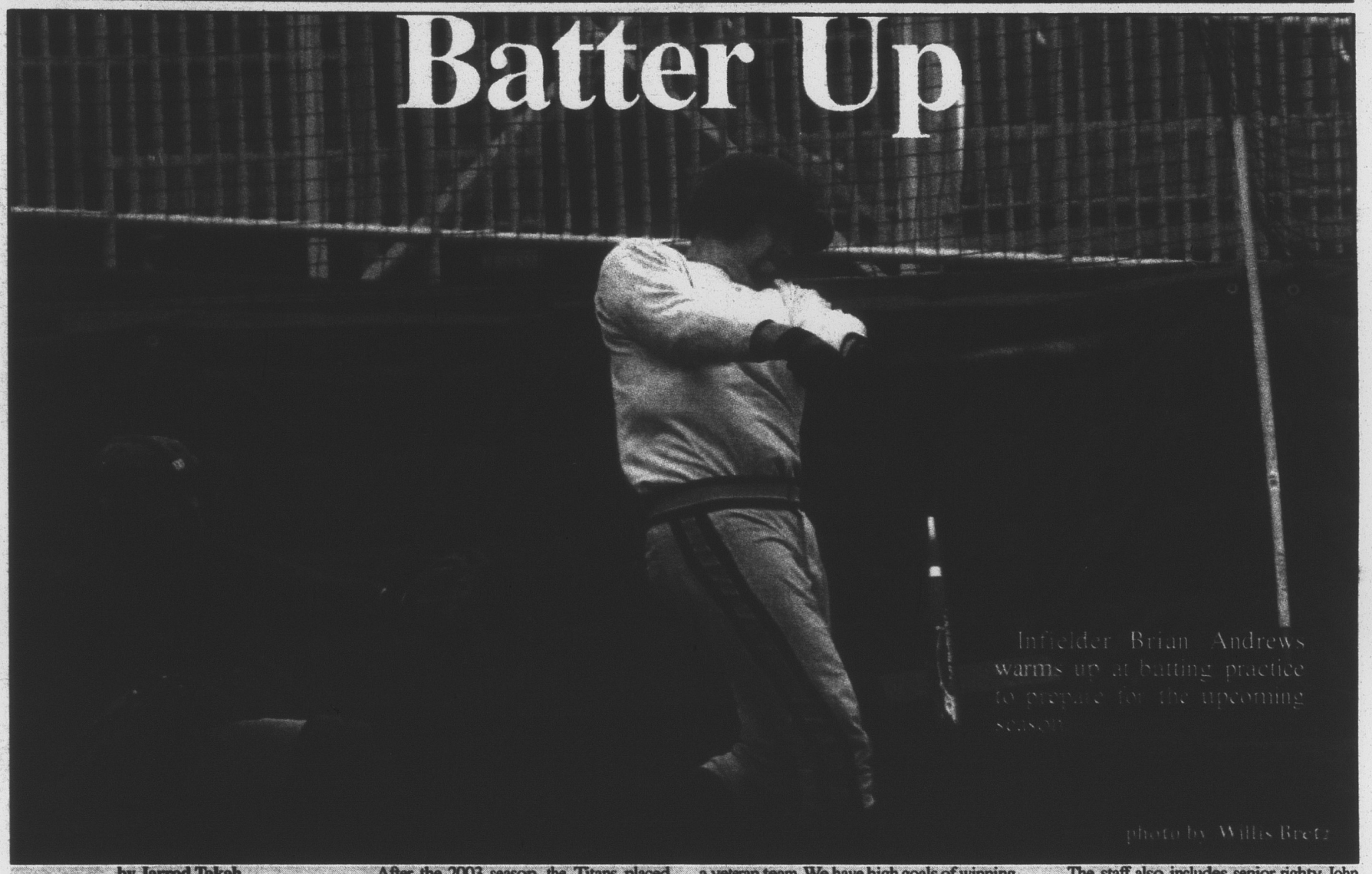


Infielder Brian Andrews warms up at batting practice to prepare for the upcoming season.

photo by Willis Bretz

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As the winter sports season has drawn to a close, spring sports teams are preparing for the 2004 season. One team in particular looks to add upon their accomplishments of a year ago.

In 2003, the Westminster men's baseball team finished the season with a 25-11 record.

In the PAC tournament last season, the Titans fell in the semifinal round to the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

With several key players returning, the Titans look to earn a PAC championship under first-year head coach Carmen Nocera.

Nocera takes over for the departed Sean Kelly. Nocera has been with the program, serving various coaching duties, since 1999.

After the 2003 season, the Titans placed seven players on the PAC All-Conference squads.

Of those players returning, three return, all of who are seniors. Infielder Brian Goettler and pitcher Pat Boyle earned first team accolades while senior catcher Ben Yeckel garnered a second team nod.

Last season, Goettler posted a team-high batting average of .414, while smacking seven home runs, and tallying 33 runs batted in.

Boyle posted a 6-2 mark with 61 strikeouts and Yeckel batted .315, while throwing out 42.4% attempted base-stealers from his backstop position.

Yeckel looks at the 2004 season as a great opportunity for the Titan diamond men: "As a returning senior I have high expectations from a veteran team. We have high goals of winning the PAC this year and getting an ECAC bid."

Other notable returnees include senior utility infielder Justin Joseph, senior outfielder/first basemen Niels Jorgenson, and junior outfielders Matt Connolly and Kevin Gesacion.

Joseph returns after batting .379 in 2003. Jorgenson batted .319 and Connolly posted an average of .333.

Gesacion led the Titans with 20 stolen bases in 25 tries.

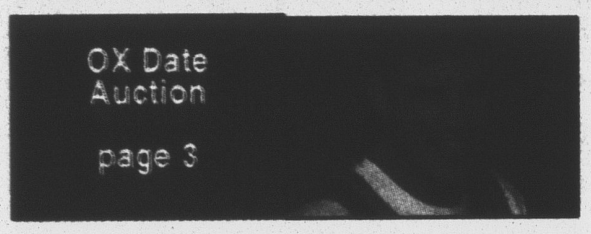
Boyle will be called upon to lead the Titan pitching staff. Seniors, right-hander Craig Rechichar and right-hander Matt Robison, junior right-hander Mike Mackin, and sophomore lefty Brenton Gilmore will join Boyle as returnees who saw action last season.

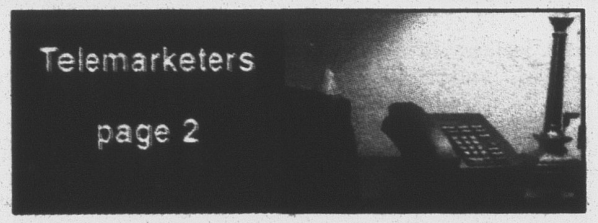
The staff also includes senior righty John Greene, junior left-hander Jim Polish, sophomore right-handers Evan Triplett and Jason Mackey, and incoming freshman, lefties Tony Cunningham and Steven Sylvester and right-handers Eddie Morales and Josh Sole.

"This should be a very good season for us," Boyle said. "Robison and Rechichar are the other two seniors on the staff, and we seem to have a very solid group of young pitchers as well."

The Titans were very much in the hunt for a PAC crown last season and are eager for the 2004 campaign to begin. During spring break, the Titans traveled to Florida to play a series of exhibition games.

At press time, results of their Florida series were unknown.





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CAMPUS NEWS

Telemarketers invade campus phone lines

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Students have recently voiced complaints about the increased telemarketing activity reaching the dorm rooms, according to Don Goodlin of Information Systems.

Goodlin said that this concern has been vocalized not only by several students, but by faculty and administrators as well. The issue of telemarketing also became a topic in the recent fireside chats with President R. Tom Williamson and Dean Neal Edman, held on Tuesday, March 9.

"The Records and Privacy policy in the student handbook states that students' names, addresses, and phone listings can be released to the public unless specifically requested not to be released by the student."

"I think everyone on campus is getting calls," said junior Daniel Zapko, having received three to four phone calls from telemarketers this semester.

Sophomore Jennifer Britton also received three telemarketing phone calls, all within a recent one-month span of time. The last two were only one day apart and occurred while she was still asleep at around 9 a.m. "Who calls the campus at 9 o'clock in the morning and expects us to be up and not in class?" she asked, upset with the timing of the telephone salesperson.

It is not just the timing of the calls that bothers Britton. Privacy issues are also a real concern since the telemarketers connected her home bank account to her school mailbox and her campus extension. This means that the telemarketing company may know her home address as well as her school information.

Many students have wondered how companies have gotten a hold of their names, phone numbers, and other vital information. Some blame the college.

"The Records and Privacy policy in the student handbook states that students' names, addresses, and phone listings can be released to the public unless specifically requested not to be released by the student," Goodlin said. Other information is protected. For information on what is protected as private and what is not, students can browse their undergraduate catalogs or student handbooks.

Despite this school policty, Associate Dean Camille Hawthorne said that Student Affairs will not give out personal information or phone numbers, especially to telemarketing firms.

Non-students calling the campus are not given student phone numbers, though Student Affairs may call the student in question personally to see if they are there, according to Hawthorne.

But other rumors have persisted, some suggesting that the information came from a non-campus entity, like the school's phone carriers. Goodlin expresses his doubt in this rumor's legitimacy, which suggests that when the school changed phone carriers from AT&T to ECCI, one of the companies could have sold student information.

"I doubt very much that AT&T or ECCI would sell this information," Goodlin said. "ECCI is involved with colleges and universities only. They pride themselves in keeping this type of information private."

Another rapidly squashed rumor is that the college itself has student information published online. While it is true that the Westminster Weekly and other online campus publications do have certain student information published on their website that could be uncovered with effort, the online directories are not available to off-campus individuals.

A far more likely story insists that a student sold one of the college's telephone directories to a telemarketing firm for money. Goodlin thinks this is a possibility, and Hawthorne has dealt with this problem before.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Jean Covert operates the campus switchboard.

In the past, Student Affairs has asked the Holcad to not publish ads sent in by likely telemarketers that offer upwards of 40 dollars for a student directory. Recent ads were sent to the Holcad, but were not published for unrelated reasons.

Hawthorne heard this, and with a laugh, muttered, "Hasn't changed in ten years." Because of the desire to protect student information, directories are closely guarded and no longer sold in the student bookstore.

"If they know your name, someone sold their directory," Hawthorne said. "If they know your home address, someone sold their directory." She believes that it is likely a student recently sold his or her directory, and also thinks that it is unfortunate that the student body must suffer from such an action.

If students wish to purchase anything from telemarketers, said Goodlin, it is their responsibility to do the appropriate research in order to make sure they are not being cheated. He suggested students use their better judgment, contact the Better Business Bureau, and also ask for company information such as address and phone number.

But Goodlin does not choose to respond to telemarketers at home, and he is not alone. "In my opinion," Britton said, "all telemarketers are trying to sweet talk you into buying something without telling you everything. I don't trust them and I won't do business with them."

Director of Communication Services Mark Meighen suggested that concerned students go to this website for additional information on how to sign up for Pennsylvania's No Call List and for information on how to deal with telemarketers: http://www.nocallsplease.com/.

VP of Finance to retire after 17 years of service

by Leigh Ann Reynolds
Campus Writer

After almost 17 years of service, Vice President for Finance and Management Services William J. Birkhead is retiring and the search for a replacement has commenced.

The search committee is made up of 13 members of the campus community including, faculty, staff, one student, and the Board of Trustees contact, Len Carroll. Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gloria Cagigas is chair of the search committee. Russell Mills, vice president of the Student Government Association, is the only student representative serving on the committee.

"I am honored to be a part of a committee that has a very important job to do," Mills said.

The search committee's first meeting was in late October of last year. All applications were submitted to the college by late November and were reviewed in December.

The search was narrowed in February. The search committee has identified three candidates that will be brought to campus for two-day interviews in early April.

By the end of April, the committee hopes to have a candidate to announce. If all works as planned, the new Vice President for Finance and Management Services will start June 1, so he or she can be trained with Birkhead. This will allow four weeks for the transition.

"It will be difficult to fill the shoes of someone who has had a key role in the leadership and administration of Westminster College," Cagigas said.

The committee has looked at various factors in the search for a replacement. The potential candidates must have their bachelor's degree and their master's degree or be a Certified Public Accountant.

Prerequisites also include responsible management and leadership experience as well as experience in higher education.

The Vice President for Finance and Management Services manages preparation and control of the college's budget, manages the legal and tax affairs of the college. A lot of his time is spent working with physical plant of the facilities.

"This is the perfect job as far as variety goes," Birkhead said, "I can talk about bricks and mortar one day and about money the next."

This position also overlooks the Auxiliary Services, including the director of the physical plant and the director of human resources. Birkhead also oversees the business manager who manages the director of food services, the bookstore manager, the mailroom, and duplicating. The business manager is also in charge of the residence hall's laundry and vending machines.

"This has been a wonderful experience," Birkhead said, "I am so impressed with the quality of this school, whether it is the faculty, staff, or the students of the college."

Fortunately, the college's search for a replacement is being driven only by Birkhead's retiring. Many times when a search like this happens, it is result of the Chief Financial Officer not meeting the expectations required.

Due to this, the replacement will not have any major problems to fix when they are placed in this position.

New group to educate campus on sexual assault

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

The Sexual Assault Task Force is a new organization on campus that hopes to educate the campus community about sexual assault issues and to provide a valuable student to faculty link.

The Task Force will provide advocacy counseling to students who may feel more comfortable talking with peers. The group will also report anonymous incidents of sexual assault to give the campus community a more realistic picture of the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus.

To become advocates, members of the Sexual Assault Task Force attended Sexual Assault Advisers' Training. The training took place on the morning of Saturday, March 6.

Melanie Widelko and Diane Knis of the Women's Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County both gave presentations on various aspects of sexual assault and the services they provide. Assistant District Attorney Tom Bashero and Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner gave presentations on the legal system both on and off campus. Dr. Janice Grigsby, an adjunct professor at Slippery Rock University, also gave a presentation on empathic listening skills.

"We specifically need to talk about how to spread the word on the adviser network and ways to address prevention through exposing students on campus to what is happening ."
-Dr. Andrea Grove

Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman and Political science professor and peace studies director Dr. Andrea Grove were both instrumental in the organization of the event along with student members of the Task Force.

"The Sexual Assault Adviser training workshop was a great success in getting many of us talking more and providing some momentum," Grove said. "We specifically need to talk about how to spread the word on the adviser network and ways to address prevention through exposing students on campus to what is happening and that it is wrong."

Students interested in joining the Task Force are encouraged to attend the group's weekly meetings on Thursdays at 5:30 in the Student Lounge. "For those of you that couldn't make the training, don't worry, there will be another training session early on in the fall next semester," said senior Tara Billock, president of the sexual assault task force.

The group will also host a Peace Studies coffeehouse on Tuesday, March 30 at 5 p.m. in the student lounge. The purpose of the coffeehouse will be to introduce the task force to the campus and to provide a forum for discussion.

Students register to vote for November's election

by Elizabeth Bacheson
Campus Writer

The Voter's Drive was held on Monday, March 8 during lunch and dinner outside of the Orchard Street Café.

Co-sponsored by the College Republicans and College Democrats, the objective of the Voter's Drive was to give students the opportunity to become more politically active by registering to vote. Both Pennsylvania and Ohio voter registration forms were available for students to either fill out or take with them.

"There are a lot of students on campus who simply don't know what party they belong to, so we want to help them out," said junior Jessica Rummel, president of College Republicans.

This year, the primary elections will be held in April in the state of Pennsylvania. Registration is required 30 days before an election. Therefore, the College Republicans and College Democrats thought that now would be a great time to hold another Voter's Drive so students could register to vote. Online tests were even emailed to students by Dr. James Rhoads to help the student assess which political party has the same views as they do.

Junior public relations and English major Jessica Bevan feels that students should take the time to determine what political party they belong to.

"It is a shame that some students choose the political party of their parents because they don't know or just don't care," Bevan said. "It was good that the quizzes were included in the email so that students can determine what political party would fit them best."

During the lunch and dinner hours, many students who stopped by the booth were already registered voters.

"They had us register to vote in high school, so I am already registered but I think it is a great idea to have this kind of thing offered at Westminster," said senior public relations major Isaac Ludwig.

Others, such as sophomore political science major Heather Kydd, registered for the first time.

"I am from Las Vegas and was never registered at home because I'm not there during the time of elections," Kydd said. "I wanted to register here so that I would be able to vote from now on in future elections."

The College Republicans and College Democrats successfully registered over 20 people to vote during the course of the day. This number does not including those who just picked up a form and took it with them.

"We have had more register in past Voter's Drives, so this number is significantly less, but we still feel that we had a pretty good turn out," Rummel said. "All we are really aiming to do is provide an opportunity to students to become more involved so they will be able to vote and voice their opinion in upcoming elections."

Successful Voter's Drives have been held in the past, both here and at Wilmington High School encouraging students to become politically active. The College Republicans and the College Democrats plan to co-sponsor another Voter's Drive in April.

"I think it is great that these political organizations are able to come together to benefit the campus and not necessarily their own political ideologies," said senior political science and environmental science double major Gwen Kennedy.

Date auction raises money for faculty member

by Carolyn Miller
Staff Writer

E-bay may have banned the auction of human beings, but on March 10th, the brothers of Theta Chi endorsed it as much as they could.

Although two dozen students were paraded up on stage and auctioned off campus community, the participating students still got something out of it: a date with their highest bidders.

Some of the dates included a party at Jillian's, a gift certificate for Elephant & Castle, and even dinner for two at The Tavern in New Wilmington.

Theta Chi set up the date auction in a week and a half, and enjoyed a huge audience for their efforts. The proceeds from the event go to help Westminster faculty member Dwight Copper help pay for his recent medical costs. Theta Chi brother John Joseph had been worried about the turnout before the event. "We knew we could pool a lot of money collectively," Joseph said. "Our biggest fear, though, was that nobody would come."

The large turnout wasn't the only thing to allay Joseph's fears, though. The auctioneers for the night, broadcast students Pat Sandora and Tandi Lane, helped to raise the bidding as high as possible. In general, the boys sold for much more than the girls, who capped with $56 for Maggie Muir. The highest bid of the night was for junior Pat Dudas, who went for a whopping $100.

Several dates were won by their own significant others. One of the most memorable auctioned dates was Andy Hudak, who took to the stage in a Speedo, tie-dyed necktie and flip-flops. As he walked off the stage after being sold for a hefty $60, auctioneer Sandora commented, "Sold to the girlfriend again – can't outbid the girlfriend."

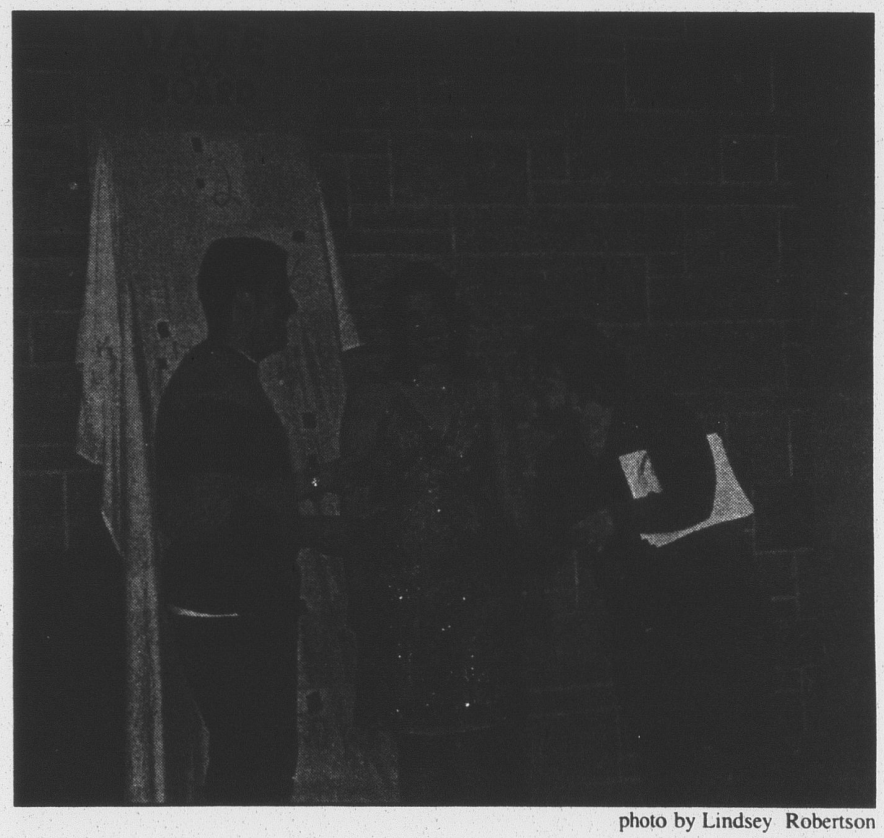
Sarah Timm, who was sold to Jimmy Connell for a highly respectable $42, was excited to be a part of the date auction. "Well, at first I was kind of scared," said Timm. "But it's for a good cause, so I'm happy I did it now."

Connell not only won Timm, but also a date for two at Hoss's Steak House. "Money wasn't an issue," said Connell. "It was good to help someone in need."

For people who did not participate in the date auction, Theta Chi also held both a Chinese auction and a 50/50 raffle. The winner of the raffle took home a handsome $150 that night.

Surrounding businesses also supported the Chinese auction with donations. New Wilmington's Mugsies donated a gift basket that was up for grabs. "The businesses were behind this. We were so lucky."

The total amount raised at the auction was a whopping $1149.90. "It would have been an even fifty," said Joseph. "But one of the dimes was Canadian."



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Jimmy Connell and Sarah Timm draw to win a night out on the town at Theta Chi's Date Auction.

Your Student Government Association

by Andrea Ceplecci
Contributing Writer

While everyone else was easing back into life on campus on Wednesday evening, the new Senate in SGA got back to work, planning events for the remainder of the semester.

At the last meeting before mid-semester break, all of the newly elected senators were sworn in and first-year Jen Ramsey was elected to fill in a vacancy. The Senate also elected sophomore Tom Burkhart as the new Parliamentarian and junior Dennis Buffone as the new Chaplain. Congratulations to all!

Vice President Russ Mills has been planning this year's VolleyRock, which will be held on Saturday, May 8. So, mark your calendars and start getting your team together because sign-ups will be starting within the next few weeks. This year's VolleyRock will also feature a concert by the Starting Line.

SGA has created a new way to communicate with the students! The executive committee has created an AIM account for SGA. The screenname is WCSGA2004. The members of the executive committee will be online during their office hours. So, please add the screenname to your buddy lists and feel free to IM the execs with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have.

The Toilet Paper is going to be reformatted. It will now be posted weekly and will be posted in more locations on campus. It will also include more of the events that are happening on campus. If your organization would like its event to be placed on the Toilet Paper, please contact Public Relations Chair Andrea Ceplecci.

Interested in winning some cash?

SGA is holding a number of contests. They are looking for someone to create a logo for SGA and both a logo and a slogan for the Toilet Paper. Prizes for each of the winners will be $25. Entries are due by Wednesday, March 31 at 2:00 p.m. Please send all entries to the SGA e-mail address and contact Public Relations Chair Andrea Ceplecci if you have any questions.

The next and final SGA Day of the semester will be Friday, April 30. Watch your e-mail for more details and be sure to flag down an SGA member for a ride in a golf cart and keep your eyes open for free food!

SGA's Beach Party has been rescheduled for Friday, April 2. It will be held at the pool and will start after Dance Theatre. It will be held during Lil' Sibs Weekend, so bring your little brothers and sisters along and get ready to have some fun in the sun (well, sort of). There will be t-shirts and prizes available.

The Senate also elected class chairs. These are members of SGA who will be responsible for holding the other senators in their class accountable. The new class chairs are: first-year Seth McClarey, sophomore Leigh Ann Reynolds, and junior Alicia Heinle.

New senators were also selected for the Food Advisory Committee. If you are interested in becoming a member of Food Advisory, please contact Judicial Chair Sara Camerota.

That's all for this week! Please remember that you are always welcome at all SGA meetings, which take place every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater in the McKelvey Campus Center. Also, you may e-mail SGA at sga@westminster.edu or IM the executive members at WCSGA2004. SGA is here for you, so do not hesitate to contact them with any comments or concerns!

New meal plan implemented for fall

by Nicole Kress
Campus Writer

A new meal plan is going into effect next fall.

Food Services Director Jeff Creveling and Business Manager Don Shelenberger, along with the help of the food advisory committee, have made adjustments in the new meal plan in response to student complaints.

Currently, students are able to purchase meals at the cafeteria, but the high costs seem to be a concern.

Students see their cards being swiped and close to eight dollars being subtracted for each meal but fail to take in account the overhead charges that students are required to pay. Such overhead charges include electricity, heating and payment of the staff.

The same thing applies to meals at the Orchard Street Café; however students can purchase meals at designated meal times only. Other items may be purchased al la carte, with dine or Titan dollars.

"The new meal plan has all the costs spelled out for us, so it actually looks like we're paying less but really it all equals out," said senior Isaac Ludwig, a food advisory board council member. "In the students mind, the new meal plan looks cheaper because it won't subtract $8 when you swipe your card, but really it's all covered in the overhead charges. It's the same as what we are paying now."

The new plan will consist of a declining dollar amount balance, but will include a Resident Dining Facility Fee of $500 to cover the overhead charges. Students will have three dining plan options.

The first plan will be worth $1,000, which the school figures out to be equivalent to 11 meals per week. The total for this plan, including the Resident Dining Facility Fee, would be $1,500.

The second plan will be worth $850, in which the school averages to be equal to about nine meals per week. The total for this plan will be $1,350.

The third plan will be worth $750 which ends up being equivalent to around seven meals per week and a total of $1,250.

The school suggests that students planning to eat more in the dining hall should purchase the first plan. Students planning to eat more at the Orchard Street Café should purchase the third plan, and students wishing to eat at both the cafeteria and the Orchard Street Café, should purchase the second plan.

The dining hall will operate the same as it has in the past in that it will still be all you can eat. However, there will be a set price for each meal. Breakfast will cost $4.65. Lunch will cost $6.00, and dinner will cost $6.85.

These amounts will be subtracted from students' Titan cards accordingly. The Orchard Street Café, however, will no longer have meal exchange times. Everything will be al la carte, and students will pay for each item they purchase separately.

"The best part about this new plan that benefits the students the most, is that the money on your card will carry over from the fall semester to the spring semester," Ludwig said.

However, money from the spring semester will not carry over into the fall semester.

This has been the biggest complaint from most of the students and has had a lot to do with the ability to put this plan into action.

"We were able to make these changes because of a lot of student input," food service manager Jeff Creveling said. "Much thought and effort went into making this possible, and the reason we weren't able to make the changes sooner had a lot to do with how meals are set up and the cost structure, and the overall cost of the dining service that students don't always think about."

Students have continually voiced their opinions concerning this issue and as a result the food advisory council brought these concerns to Jeff Creveling.

"Jeff Creveling and Don Shelenberger have really went out of their way this year and utilized all of their resources in order to keep students satisfied with their current food service, and it was a pleasure to work with them," said food advisory council member Kristen Kulick.

Screen secrets: How WC gets pre-releases

by Jennifer Pierotti
Campus Writer

Ever wonder how Westminster manages to obtain movies, to show to students, before the movies are released to video?

Could thievery, illegal videotaping, or perhaps the mafia be involved?

Mike Gordon, a junior and the general manger of the campus movie theater, sat down to put the mystery to rest. The school hires Swank Motion Pictures, Inc., a firm who supplies the movies each week.

According to the company's website, "Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. is a major movie distributor and a public performance licensing agent in non-theatrical markets where feature entertainment movies are shown."

Currently there have not been any kinds of restrictions placed on what types of movies are shown.

"We're all adults here," Gordon said.

But who gets to make the decisions of what is shown?

The current system does not involve student opinion. The decision remains within the twelve Club Room staff members.

Gordon is given a list of movies from Swank to choose from. Each staff member makes a list of their top five choices. Then, Gordon gets to make the final decision.

When making his decision Gordon said, "I look for movies that (A) would generate a big crown and (B) did well in the movie theaters."

This method seems to work well for The Club Room.

This year, Pirates of the Caribbean, Matrix Revolutions, and Bad Boys II were the big hits, not only in the box office but on campus as well.

"I remember when I went to see Pirates of the Caribbean... I was really shocked by the size of the crowd," said senior Josh Storey. "I don't think I've ever seen that many Westminster students in the same place at the same time. People were everywhere."

Gordon estimated that around 130 people attended all three showings of each of these films. However, a typical weekend only brings in about 25 to 30 people per show.

Despite the numbers most students seem to appreciate this service.

"There's not a lot the school offers us. It's nice to be able to go see a movie for free," said sophomore Lauren Hustwit.

Frist year student Meredith Muller agrees.

"It is nice the school provides people who don't party with something else to do," Muller said.

The films are shown every Friday and Saturday from 8:00p.m. to 10:30p.m. and Sunday at 9:00p.m. The movies are free to watch and free popcorn and soda are also available.

Browne residents return from break to hot showers after water heater problems

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

If a Browne resident is asked what her favorite part of Spring Break was, she will most likely tell you that it was finally taking a hot shower.

On Tuesday, March 9, the water heater in Browne broke, leaving more than 100 freezing female students without hot water for four days. The disgruntled residents were forced to shower elsewhere on campus, lining up in bathrooms in Galbreath and Ferguson in the mornings to avoid an ice-cold start to their day.

According to Physical Plant employee Owen Wagner, a problem with the chimney flue caused the heater to overheat and fail. The controls burned up, making the hot water difficult, if not impossible to use. The heater was too old and damaged to be fixed immediately, therefore requiring the Physical Plant to order a new heater and to coordinate the delivery with a local installer.

Wagner apologized for the inconvenience and said he was pleased with the response of Browne residents. "Students were generally understanding of the situation and I'm thankful for that," he said. "Their patience was appreciated."

However, some students felt that the situation could have been handled more efficiently.

"I, for one, was really inconvenienced by the broken hot water tank," senior history major Jennifer Wahl said. "I really think that Westminster should have tried harder to fix the tank before we left for break, or should have given us more options for hot water."

Despite the difficulty of the situation, Browne Resident Director Devi Wintrode was pleased overall with the way the issue was dealt with by both students and the school.

"I felt that the residents of Browne were amazing throughout the entire week without hot water," she said. "I also felt that the Physical Plant staff responded really well to the situation. I especially appreciate the patience and understanding on the part of all the students, teachers and others who stayed over break and had to take more cold showers than the rest of us."

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Drug Roundup Underway

Local and state police along with federal agents will continue to track down Lawrence County residents today wanted in connection with a major drug ring in our area. Lawrence County D-A Matt Mangino says they have nabbed the suspected ring leader—a 38-year old New Castle man who investigators say headed up street dealers selling everything from cocaine to Oxycotin. So far police have rounded up nearly two dozen of 28 suspects indicted by a statewide grand jury. Just yesterday the police rounded up 10 of those indicted as part of an ongoing investigation by the Lawrence County Drug Task Force.

Body Found in the Shenango River

Neshannock Township police say they have identified the body of a man found in the Shenango River this week—and they say it is the body of a missing hunter. Police say they recovered the body of 55-year old David Woods. Woods disappeared three months ago—his canoe was found capsized in the Shenango back on December 22.

Get Ready for Fall Class Registration

The Registrar's Office wants students and faculty to start thinking about fall registration now. And Registrar June Garner says each student is responsible for making sure all their academic information is accurate in their files. Garner recommends students log on to web student and review the course information for their major and their minor. If students discover a problem they then can begin filling out the paperwork to make the needed changes. Registration for the fall is scheduled for April 13 & 14.

Voter Registration Deadline

Monday, March 29 is the last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania's Primary Election. The election takes place April 27.

Absentee Ballot Deadline Approaching

Registration officials tell us they do hear from college students from other parts of the state wanting to cast an absentee ballot, but they often miss the deadline. You have until April 20 to apply for an absentee ballots for the upcoming Pennsylvania Primary Election. Mercer County voter registration officials say you may ask for a Voter Registration Mail Application through the mail or by logging on to the Pennsylvania Department of State Voter's Registration web site. You can also call 1-800-552-VOTE. You can only cast an absentee ballot in the county where you are registered. The deadline to send in the actual absentee ballot is April 23.

The Real World in Pennsylvania

MTV will bring The Real World to Pennsylvania-- shooting the next season in Philadelphia. But Philly nearly lost The Real World deal after a labor dispute. Labor leaders protested MTV's use of non-union labor to rennovate the location where the new cast will live. However a deal between MTV and the labor unions will put construction back on track and the next season of The Real World begins shooting this summer.

Coffee Break Meets Spring Break

New Wilmington's new and popular coffee shop carried on business as usual during spring break. Owners say Westminster students make up a big bulk of their business-- however they don't expect to take a hit in the cash register. Mugsie's owners say they see quite a few local residents and high school students who take the opportunity to stop in and enjoy the break from college students.

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Mother of 10- year boy who shot a postal worker to face handgun charges

PITTSBURGH (AP) The mother of a 10-year-old boy who police say fatally shot a postal worker in an apparent accident nine months ago has been charged with illegally possessing a handgun.

Latoya Burnette, 30, of Pittsburgh wasn't allowed to own the gun because she is a convicted felon, U.S. District Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan said Tuesday.

Clayton Smith, 45, of Colliers, W.Va., was shot once in the back as he took a break in the corner of a shopping center in Crafton, a Pittsburgh suburb, on June 23. He died a few hours later at a hospital.

Authorities say that the boy hit Smith while firing his mother's gun into the wooded area between the shopping center and the boy's home.

Burnette was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in North Carolina in 2000 and served 25 to 39 months. She had purchased the gun in 1999, but wasn't allowed to have it after being convicted, Buchanan said.

Buchanan said investigators learned of the gun last week during a preliminary hearing for an alleged domestic incident involving Burnette and her live-in boyfriend. Burnette allegedly told police her boyfriend took her gun.

Police, familiar with Smith's case, obtained a search warrant of Burnette's home Thursday to find out more about the gun.

Later that day, according to court documents, Burnette and a friend were discussing whether her son may have shot Smith. The friend later told police that the boy said that "he didn't mean to, the thing just blew out."

Burnette was charged Friday, taken into custody in North Carolina on Saturday and will be returned to Pittsburgh, Buchanan said. No hearing has been scheduled.

A message left at Burnette's Pittsburgh number wasn't immediately returned Tuesday.

Convict gets sentence reduced from death row to life imprisonment

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) The death sentence for a man who strangled his second wife in their hot tub was vacated by the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The court said Allegheny County prosecutors should not have violated a judge's order and allowed Timothy Boczkowski to be extradited to North Carolina. Prosecutors then used his murder conviction there to qualify him for the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

Boczkowski, 48, was sentenced to death in May 1999 for asphyxiating Maryann Boczkowski in their suburban Pittsburgh home in 1994. He previously had been convicted of strangling his first wife, Elaine Boczkowski, in their bathtub in Greensboro, N.C., in 1990.

"In addition to violating an existing court order, the trial prosecutor's unauthorized conduct ultimately created the basis for the commonwealth to newly certify (Boczkowski) as death-eligible," wrote Justice Ronald D. Castille in the 40-page majority opinion.

Boczkowski, who worked as a denture maker in Pittsburgh and ran a miniature golf course and ice cream shop with Elaine Boczkowski in Greensboro, must now be resentenced in Allegheny County to life in prison.

An Allegheny County prosecutor agreed to send Boczkowski to face trial for killing Elaine Boczkowski in North Carolina nearly three years before the Maryann Boczkowski trial began in Pennsylvania.

"We believe those circumstances introduced an impermissible element of arbitrariness into the (death-penalty) eligibility decision," Castille wrote.

Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala Jr. issued a three-paragraph statement saying the extradition and trial occurred before he took office and that he "respectfully accept(s) the opinion of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as the final statement in this matter."

"It's kind of bittersweet," said Boczkowski's lawyer, James M. Herb. "We're happy that we saved his life, got him off death row. We still believe that the evidence in this case was so prejudicial it denied him a fair trial."

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Man has saved over 1200 lives

DANVILLE, Ohio (AP) A man who began donating blood at the age of 17 to help a family friend has now donated 400 pints of blood over five decades - enough to save 1,200 lives.

John Burkhardt received a certificate of appreciation from the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a celebratory cake was served after his most recent donation on March 12.

It took Burkhardt just under 51 years to donate the equivalent of 50 gallons of blood.

He said it hasn't been difficult to maintain regular donations.

"You always tell them, 'Make sure you don't give me a square needle,' that's all," said Burkhardt, who lives in Apple Valley, a community about 50 miles northeast of Columbus.

Dave Gore, executive director of the county's Red Cross chapter, said the organization plans to have a special pin made to commemorate Burkhardt's achievement.

While the American Red Cross issues pins awarded for various levels of donation, Gore said they had not been able to find a pin to recognize 50 gallons.

Homicide by vehicle charges

NAZARETH, Pa. (AP) A young man from Bethlehem was charged Tuesday with four counts of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence, among other offenses, for a crash that killed a soldier just home from Iraq and three others.

Christopher Kozo was arraigned Tuesday morning before a district justice in Nazareth for the early Saturday morning accident. Kozo failed to stop at a stop sign and had a blood-alcohol level of 0.12 percent at the time, over the legal limit of 0.08 percent, police said

Kozo was released after posting 10 percent of $100,000 bail. He declined to comment to reporters when released.

The deceased were U.S. Army Cpl. George Elias of Whitehall Township and three Allentown men: Danny Khalouf, Joseph Nimeh and driver Joseph Azar. Kozo was wearing a seat belt at the time and only had minor injuries, according to police.

Employment funding restored

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) The federal government will restore almost $1 million in job development funding in an agreement reached with the state, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services said on Tuesday.

The state had appealed the sanction from the U.S. Department of Labor in May. The department said the state did not reach goals in a program that matches jobs with youths looking for work.

The state said the data the federal government used was inaccurate because the state's failed $60 million Ohio Works program didn't collect all the information needed. Job and Family Services Director Tom Hayes scrapped that program shortly after Gov. Bob Taft appointed him in May 2001.

Under the agreement announced Tuesday, the Labor Department will restore $933,086, the amount of the sanction levied last year.

"Federal officials have provided us with technical assistance and they have tested our new job matching and reporting system," Hayes said in a statement. "The federal government recognizes Ohio's commitment and progress."

The new computer system to match employers with job seekers and report the results to the federal government began operations in November. The money should be fully restored by the end of June, Job and Family Services spokesman Jon Allen said.

"They believe it will help us to report more accurately," Allen said.

Candidates taken from ballot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) A Commonwealth Court panel Tuesday threw three Republican state representatives off the April 27 primary ballot because they failed to include their legislative pay as income on their financial statements.

Two of the three panelists ruled against the lawmakers - Reps. Kerry Benninghoff of Centre County, Chris Ross of Chester County and William Gabig of Cumberland County - while Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt argued in a dissenting opinion that the court lacked jurisdiction to decide the case.

"The Democrats of Harrisburg don't want to have a competitive race," Benninghoff said.

Benninghoff and Ross both said they intend to appeal to the state Supreme Court and, if that is unsuccessful, to wage write-in campaigns for the Republican nominations in their districts.

Gabig, the only one of the three who faces opposition in the primary, did not immediately return a phone call.

Infant part of carjacking

CLEVELAND (AP) A carjacking involving a vehicle with a 4-month-old baby inside ended two hours later and about 3 miles away Tuesday with the infant found safe.

Police issued an Amber Alert when Crystal Lempeck of Cleveland reported her Chevy Cavalier had been stolen from her driveway with her son inside.

Lempeck, who had been loading up the car to go out, was able to describe the man to authorities.

Police said a suspect who was taken into custody told them the location of the baby behind a shopping center off Interstate 480. No other details were immediately released.

The baby was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center to be checked.

An Amber Alert for a missing child goes to media outlets and activates highway traffic advisory signs. The program is named for Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old Texas girl who was abducted and killed in 1996.

In another Amber Alert on Tuesday, a 7-year-old Anderson, S.C., boy who vanished while his family shopped at a Kmart was found safe after someone left him at a grocery store.

NATIONAL

Number of gays released from military decreases

WASHINGTON (AP) The number of gays dismissed from the military under the Pentagon's "don't-ask, don't tell" policy has dropped to its lowest level in nine years as U.S. forces fought in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to a report by an advocacy group.

The military discharged 787 gays and lesbians last year, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which attributed the decline to the importance of U.S. operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The figure marks a 17 percent decrease from 2002 and a 39 percent drop from 2001, just before the conflicts began in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"You have to ask yourself, and you have to ask the Pentagon, why are the discharges going down?" said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of the advocacy group and one of the report's authors. "When they need people, they keep them. When they don't, they implement their policy of discrimination with greater force."

A Pentagon spokeswoman said Tuesday that Defense Department officials could not comment on the report because they had not yet seen it.

The military's policy on gays, known as "don't ask, don't tell," has been in place since 1994. It allows gays to serve in uniform so long as they don't reveal their sexual orientation.

The military has discharged nearly 10,000 people for violations of the policy since it first took effect, according to the report.

The number of gays discharged increased steadily from 1994 to 1998. Dismissals decreased slightly in 1999 but then increased again until peaking at 1,273 discharges in 2001.

The services currently have different troop requirements.

The Army, the largest of the services, is so stretched by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and missions elsewhere that it is using its "stop-loss" authority to prevent soldiers from retiring or otherwise leaving when their service obligation ends.

The Air Force, on the other hand, is trying to reduce its ranks through attrition, and the Navy also is shedding personnel.

All the services except for the Air Force dismissed fewer gays last year than the year before. The Air Force dismissed 142 people for violating "don't ask, don't tell," up from 121 in 2002.

Air Force spokeswoman Jennifer Stephens said the service was "unaware of specific factors that would account for the slight increase for this past year."

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network opposes "don't ask, don't tell," saying it is discriminatory and hasn't stamped out anti-gay harassment in the military.

Osburn said the Army is the only service that has taken strong steps to eradicate such harassment. He said the Army was sensitized to the problem by the 1999 murder of Pvc. Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, on the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

Winchell was bludgeoned to death by a fellow soldier who thought Winchell was gay. Pvt. Calvin Glover of Sulphur, Okla., was sentenced to life in prison for that murder, and Spc. Justin Fisher of Lincoln, Neb., was sentenced to 121/2 years in prison for lying to investigators.

Last year, 31 people at Fort Campbell were dismissed under "don't ask, don't tell," a drop from the 82 dismissed from the post the year before.

Military officials have said that allowing openly gay people to serve in the armed forces could interfere with unit cohesion, but Osburn said the latest statistics contradict that.

"It just shows that the underlying rationale for 'don't ask, don't tell' is completely irrational," he said. "When do you need unit cohesion more than during war?"

Army Capt. Austin Rooke, a member of the Army reserves, was called to duty following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He served at Fort Lewis, Wash., and in Qatar, returning home about a year ago.

He said he didn't talk about the fact that he was gay while serving, but he said some officials probably suspected it since he works as a civilian for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a gay rights group in Washington.

He said in an interview Tuesday that he was not surprised military officials appear to be slower to dismiss gay troops during times of conflict, but he said he wasn't happy about that.

"It's offensive, I think," Rooke said, adding that he hopes gays will someday be able to serve openly. He noted that it was expensive for the military to lose troops after training them and that the people who are leaving are "people that we desperately need."

Illinois mother wants state to require carnival workers to carry identification cards

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) Lisa Farmer wants to make sure no other child endures the pain her 15-year-old daughter suffered when she was raped by a carnival worker at the Illinois State Fair.

The man was a convicted sex offender, but Illinois doesn't require background checks for carnival ride operators, and no law would have prevented his hiring anyway.

Farmer is out to change that. The mother of four is urging lawmakers to make Illinois the first state to require state-issued identification cards for carnival ride operators to work in Illinois, a process that would include a state police review. Convicted sex offenders would not be eligible.

"I realize we can't prevent what occurred, but we can hopefully prevent it from happening to someone else," said Sen. Larry Bomke, R-Springfield, who is sponsoring the legislation.

No state currently requires that carnival ride operators be reviewed by the state police, but many employers do their own background checks before hiring, but said Bob Johnson, president of the Orlando-based Outdoor Amusement Business Association, a national trade group.

He opposes making the background checks mandatory, saying it would lead to discrimination and would hurt local economies.

"Carnivals aren't going to want to operate in that state - not that they have anything to hide - but why should they subject their employees to such scrutiny?" Johnson asked.

National briefs

Contractor faces fraud charges

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - A Virginia Beach woman who bought fake asbestos and lead training certificates for herself and others to get federal abatement contracts was found guilty Tuesday of performing fraudulent work, U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty said.

Ethel M. Holmes, president and owner of Holmes Environmental Inc. of Virginia Beach, was found guilty by a federal jury of conspiracy, mail fraud and submitting false claims to the federal government, McNulty said in a news release.

No one could be reached at McNulty's office to say what sentence Holmes could receive. A woman who answered the phone at Holmes' business said Holmes was not available for comment.

McNulty said Holmes' business had received $600,000 in contracts from 1998-2001 for work done for the Pentagon, several Virginia agencies, the armed forces, a Norfolk hospital, an elementary school, day-care centers and other facilities.

She used untrained and unlicensed receptionists, office managers and other employees to oversee asbestos and lead abatement projects, McNulty said.

Asbestos causes a wide range of illnesses, including various forms of cancer.

ANCHORAGE (AP) A prison chaplain was arrested Tuesday on charges of sexual assault and official misconduct, according to Alaska State Troopers.

The charges against Ezell Williams, 49, stem from the time he was a prison chaplain at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. An investigation was begun after an inmate complained that Williams was blackmailing prisoners. He was released from his job last June.

The investigation showed that Williams, who had been a prison chaplain since the spring of 2002, told several female prisoners that he could improve their visitation schedules if they submitted to various sexual demands, troopers said. Most of the cases involved photography and touching of the inmates.

Williams was arrested without incident at his home and transported to Anchorage Correctional Complex. His bail was set at $30,000.

Photography legislation

LANSING, Mich. (AP) People who take pictures of naked or barely clothed men and women without their knowledge would face a felony charge under legislation introduced Tuesday.

Rep. Fran Amos, R-Waterford, said she began working on the legislation after hearing from a number of female constituents who said they unknowingly had their picture taken by someone while changing in a health club locker room.

"It's an invasion of privacy," Amos said. "We need to send a message."

The legislation would set a maximum five-year prison sentence and $5,000 fine for those convicted of taking obscene pictures with a camera or with a cell phone camera without permission. Minimum sentences are left up to judges who use guidelines established by lawmakers.

Health clubs from Chicago to Tokyo have said they're worried that cellular phones equipped with cameras could be misused to take locker room pictures of their customers. Some are reviewing their policies on cell phones.

The legislation is scheduled to be considered by the House Criminal Justice Committee on Wednesday.

Terrorism security high

WASHINGTON (AP) The security situation in Iraq is dangerous and the threat to all Americans there remains extremely high, the State Department said Tuesday.

Remnants of the deposed regime of President Saddam Hussein, foreign terrorists and criminals remain active in the country, the department said in a notice warning Americans not to go to Iraq.

There is credible information that terrorists have targeted civil aviation, the statement said.

Haitian child used as servant

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) A federal grand jury indicted a couple Tuesday on charges of sneaking a Haitian girl into the United States keeping her in virtual slavery for three years.

Willie and wife Marie Pompee of Pembroke Pines were charged with harboring the girl in their home. If convicted, they could each be sentenced to five years in prison and fined $250,000, plus restitution to the victim.

Marie Pompee made her initial appearance Tuesday in federal district court in Fort Lauderdale, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Her husband and his eldest son fled the country in 1999 after the child was removed from their home.

According to the indictment, the Pompees concealed the girl from 1996 to 1999, when she was removed from the home by local police. The girl, then 12, had told a teacher that she was being sexually abused.

The Pompees smuggled the girl from Haiti to the United States, where she was used as a household servant, according to the indictment. The girl and her mother had performed similar work for Marie Pompee's mother and sister in Haiti.

In Haiti, some poor children are turned over by their parents to become "restaveks," or child house servants, in wealthier households. About one in 10 children in 2002 were restaveks, according to the National Coalition of Human Rights.

INTERNATIONAL

Brits surprised by amount of luxury goods American soldiers brought in during WWII

LONDON (AP) British customs officials were alarmed by the quantities of champagne, brandy, perfume and other luxury goods that American soldiers smuggled into the country from France during World War II, documents released Tuesday showed.

Four months after Allied troops stormed the beaches of France on D-Day, June 6, 1944, authorities discovered between 900 and 1,000 bottles of French champagne brought to Chelmsford, southeastern England, by a U.S. air transport unit, according to the Customs and Excise papers made public by the National Archives.

"Now that there is daily contact with the continent of Europe there are rumors of the smuggling of wines and spirits and other goods, e.g. dentures and postage stamps of philatelic interest, by services personnel, involving subsequent illicit trade in this country," a Customs official wrote to the adjutant general's unit of the American Air Force.

"We have for some time assumed that these rumors, if not altogether baseless, were greatly exaggerated and of little importance compared with winning the war," the letter continued. "But as they seem to be increasing recently it occurs to me that the absence of reference in your orders to the need to respect the revenue laws of the U.K. may be misinterpreted by U.S. services personnel."

A letter from an officer identified as Col. J.H. Adam, of the British intelligence agency MI5 said the Americans' alleged evasion of British taxes could cause bad feeling between the allies.

He also fretted that the U.S. soldiers' alleged smuggling might give Britons similar ideas.

"It will clearly not be long before British officers, realizing the position, will hand such articles to an American on the plane, and ask him to take them to London," Adam wrote.

A letter from a Royal Air Force investigator suggested smuggling and currency dealing was ``rife" among British fliers. A note released by the archive suggested that Britain's MI6 intelligence agency had asked Customs officials to ignore the spy department's importation of 146 gold watches and 78 silver ones.

"It is understood that the circumstances in which the watches were imported is very 'hush hush' and if it is possible we should prefer these cases to be settled without further enquiries," the note said. "Can you arrange this please?"

Serbian prime minster looking to bring his country into the European mainstream

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) Serbia's prime minister insisted Monday that his country was committed to moving rapidly closer to the European mainstream despite tensions with the European Union and NATO over Kosovo and the hunt for suspected war criminals.

"Europe is our path and our destiny just because of the historic and geographical position of Serbia," Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica told reporters during talks at EU headquarters.

He said his government would cooperate with the international war crimes tribunal, as demanded by Western institutions, but stressed it would do so in a way "which will not destabilize institutions in Serbia."

The EU and NATO have stressed that closer ties with Serbia-Montenegro are dependent on its authorities cooperating with the hunt for suspects from the 1990s Balkan wars, notably Bosnia Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic, who is believed to be hiding in the country.

Kostunica's government is dependent on hard-line supporters of former Yugoslav strongman Slobodan Milosevic who scored well in Serbia's December elections. They reject cooperation with the court in The Hague, Netherlands, where their erstwhile leader is standing trial for war crimes.

European Commission President Romano Prodi told Kostunica the EU's head office strongly backed the Serbian bid for closer ties but stressed that "cooperation with the international tribunal is absolutely essential and it is a clear precondition for any progress."

Serb leaders are seeking a trade agreement with the EU and entry into NATO's "partnership for peace" cooperation program as possible steps toward eventual membership in both organizations.

However, Kostunica has been critical of NATO for failing to halt the upsurge of violence in Kosovo province that led to the killing of 28 people and to the torching of Serb churches and homes by ethnic Albanian mobs who blamed Serbs for the drowning deaths of two ethnic Albanian children.

He told Prodi the violence had been planned in advance to facilitate the "ethnic cleansing" of Serbs and called for a "cantonization" of the province to give Serb areas more autonomy and protection until the final status of the province - which has been an international protectorate since the NATO air war in 1999 ended a Serb crackdown on ethnic Albanians seeking independence - can be agreed.

International briefs

Diver's body found

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) The body of a diver believed to be a Canadian tourist was found early Wednesday in the Coral Sea off a northern Australian island, police said.

The 24-year-old man's body was found at 8:30 a.m. near where he vanished yesterday afternoon while diving for sea cucumbers from a fishing boat near Lizard Island off the city of Cairns, in the state of Queensland on Australia's northeastern coast.

"The body of the 24-year-old man was found about 30 meters (100 feet) from where he was reported missing," Queensland Police Sergeant Gavin Marsh said.

"He was found by divers from the fishing boat that he had been working aboard as a diver on a working holiday," he added. "Preliminary indications are that he is a Canadian but that has yet to be confirmed."

Police declined to immediately release his identity or give his cause of death.

The crew of the fishing boat began the search and were joined by an emergency services helicopter which maintained the search until after dark. A helicopter and an airplane also joined the search early Wednesday before the man's body was found.

Israeli gunmen kill two

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) Israeli helicopter gunships fired on gunmen in southern Lebanon late Tuesday, killing two and wounding one, a Lebanese security official said.

The official said the helicopters opened fire on Palestinian guerrillas who had fired rockets toward Israel from Wadi Sluqi, about five miles north of the Israeli border.

In Israel, a statement from the Israeli Defense Force said the air force hit a "terror cell" that had set up rocket launchers aimed at Israel.

"The IDF will act insistently against any force that uses terror and supports the use of terror against the residents of the state of Israel."

The attack came a day after a short flare-up in south Lebanon between Hezbollah guerrillas and Israeli troops following the assassination of Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder and spiritual leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas.

In addition to Hezbollah, the main militant force in south Lebanon, Palestinian groups are also known operate in the area.

The Lebanese security official said the wounded Palestinian guerrilla was taken into custody.

While Lebanon's government strongly supports the Lebanese Hezbollah, it has opposed Palestinian guerrillas using southern Lebanon to attack Israel. Palestinian attacks in the 1970s and early 1980s brought harsh Israeli retaliations, including two full-scale invasions.

It was not immediately known which faction the guerrillas belonged to.

Community center attacked

TOULON, France (AP) Attackers set fire to a Jewish community center in southeast France overnight, causing slight damage to the entry hall, police said Tuesday.

The assailants broke a window at the center in the southwestern city of Toulon and doused the interior with a flammable liquid that was then set on fire, police said. Several walls were blackened by flames, but there were no injuries.

It was not clear who carried out the attack, but officials note that such violence tends to coincide with rising Mideast tensions. A day earlier, Israel assassinated Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder and spiritual leader of militant group Hamas.

Yves Haddad, who leads the local Jewish community, expressed "disgust and sadness" at the attack, saying it might be "an importation of what's happening in the Middle East."

"If they wanted to scare us, they made a mistake," Haddad said.

France has been battling anti-Semitic violence for more than two years, often involving attacks against Jewish schools, synagogues and community centers. In March 2002, a synagogue in the nearby city of Marseille was burned to the ground.

President Jacques Chirac has put in motion an action plan to fight anti-Semitism that includes extra security at Jewish schools and places of worship, and establishing tough new penalties for those found guilty of anti-Semitic acts.

German president cancels trip

BERLIN (AP) German President Johannes Rau canceled a trip to Djibouti Tuesday after receiving threats that Islamic terrorists were planning an attack on him, his office said.

Rau had planned on wrapping up a three-nation African tour in the tiny country in the Horn of Africa on Wednesday, where he was to meet with German naval troops patrolling the Indian Ocean coast as part of the U.S.-led war on terror.

Instead, he called off the visit on the "urgent advice" of German intelligence agencies, his office said in a statement.

"According to the security agencies, Islamic circles were planning to assassinate the president," Rau's office said.

"Representatives of the German government and intelligence agencies believe the report of a terror attack to be serious."

Rau was Tanzania Tuesday and it was not immediately clear whether he would return immediately to Germany or remain in Dar es Salaam.

Suspects not linked to terrorism

WARSAW, Poland (AP) Polish police said Tuesday that three Pakistanis and a Ukrainian arrested a day earlier had no links to terrorism. Three of the men were released; one of the Pakistanis was being detained on possible immigration violations.

The men were picked up Sunday as a result of heightened security after the March 11 commuter-train bombings in Madrid, Spain. Poland, like Spain's outgoing conservative government, had been a key U.S. ally in Iraq.

"Following a thorough check, we can say there is no suggestion that the men could be linked to any terrorist or criminal group," police spokesman Dariusz Nowak told The Associated Press.

Police had found marked-up maps in a search of one of the men's apartment after arresting him for acting "suspiciously" near Warsaw's main train station. Circled on the maps were areas including the capital's only synagogue and many embassies.

SPORTS

Sports Shorts

Men's Tennis Record Drops

Men's tennis team had its two-match winning streak snapped today, as the Titan netters suffered a 7-2 setback at Grove City College. The match, which was played indoors and consisted exclusively of pro-set matches, does not count in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) standings. The Wolverines won all three doubles contests and four of six singles matches.

Two Titans posted singles wins against Grove City. Junior Sam Seo defeated Phil Springirth 8-4 at #4 singles, while sophomore Ben Libert recorded an 8-4 victory over Sam Fortna at #6 singles.

The Titan netters return to action on Monday (March 29) was Westminster hosts PAC rival Thiel College in New Wilmington at 3:30 p.m. The Titans are 0-1 in PAC action.

Women's Swimming Team Earns Recognition

Women's swimming program is one of 62 NCAA Division III teams in the nation to be named an All-Academic Team by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) for the Fall 2003 semester.

To earn CSCAA All-Academic honors, the combined grade-point average for all team members must be 2.8 or higher. The Lady Titans posted a team GPA of 3.146 during the Fall 2003 semester. It marked the 28th rating period out of the last 31 that the Lady Titan swimming team has been honored by the CSCAA for team academic achievement.

The Lady Titan swimming team posted a 6-2 dual meet record and captured its second consecutive Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) championship in 2003-04. The program is led by 19th-year head coach Rob Klamut.

Anthony Cunningham Named Pitcher of the Week

Freshman Anthony Cunningham has been named Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Pitcher of the Week and Division III Southern Pitcher of the Week by the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) for the week ending March 21, 2004. He also earned Honorable Mention recognition as one of three finalists for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America (NCBWA) Division III National Pitcher of the Week award.

Cunningham, a 6-0 southpaw, fired a nine-inning, complete game shutout for the Titans in his first collegiate start, a 5-0 non-conference victory over St. Mary's (Md.) College in Homestead, Fla., on March 16. He allowed just three hits with no walks while striking out six in the victory.

This season, Cunningham has made five appearances (one start, four in relief) and has not allowed an earned run in 13 2/3 innings of work, scattering 10 hits with no walks while striking out 11.

The Titan baseball team (3-9) opens Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play this Friday, March 26 as Westminster hosts local rival Grove City College in its home opener at 3 p.m.

Softball Improves to 8-4

The Westminster College softball team improved its overall record to 8-4 on the season today in Greensburg, Pa., as the Lady Titans swept a non-conference doubleheader at Pitt-Greensburg by scores of 15-2 and 19-3. Both games were shortened to five innings due to the "eight-run" rule.

Westminster rolled to an 8-0 lead through the top of the fourt hin game one. UP-G scored twice in the bottom of the fourth to cut the lead to 8-2, only to see the Lady Titans put the game away with a seven-run fifth. Freshman pitcher Jennifer Pancake went the distance for the win, improving to 5-2 on the season after allowing two unearned runs on just one hit (a fourth inning double) with no walks and eight strikeouts. At the plate, every Lady Titan starter had at least one hit. Junior first baseman Heidi Kimmel went 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and three RBIs. Junior shortstop Lauren Boris also went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs and three runs scored, while junior outfielder Katie Porter also scored three times.

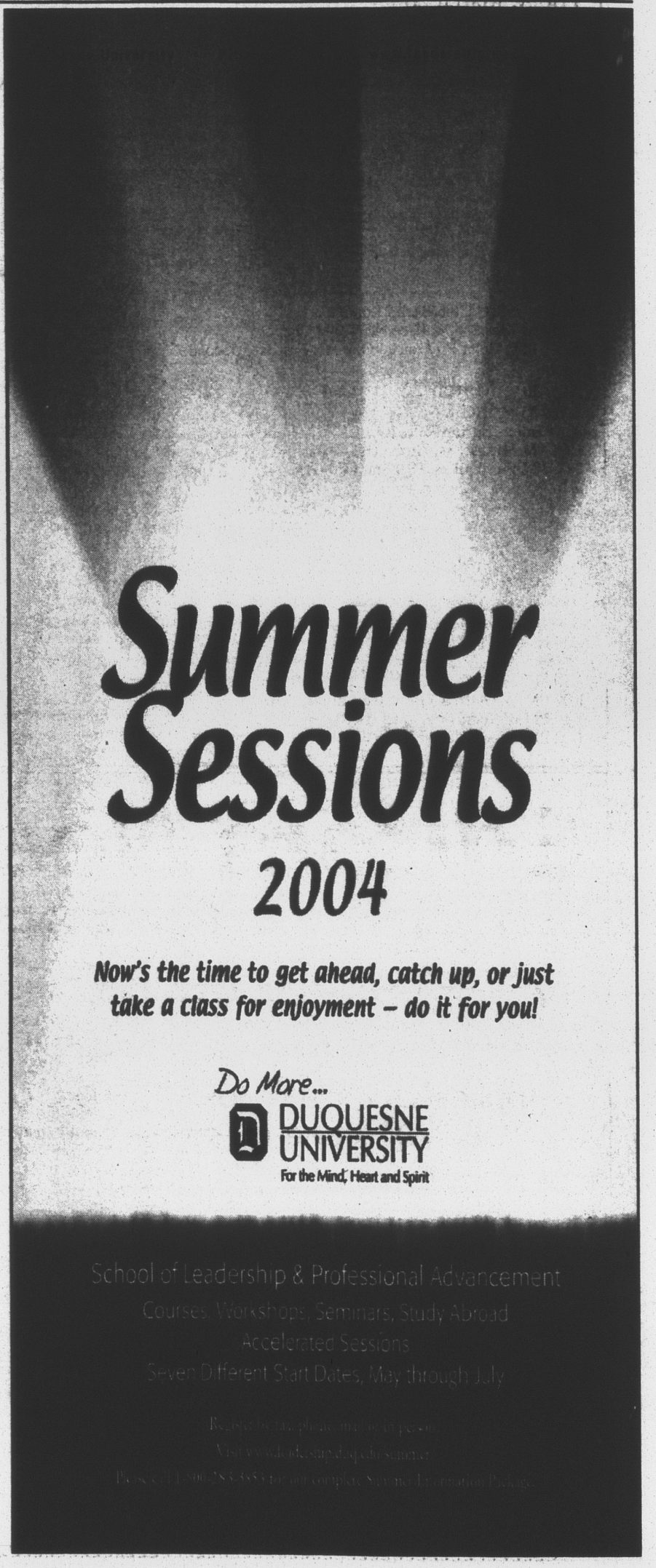
The nightcap saw the Lady Titans race to a 9-0 lead after three innings to take control. Freshman Tracy Tonkavitch improved to 2-1 with the pitching victory, as she allowed three runs on five hits with one walk and five strikeouts. Offensively, Boris was 3-for-4 with four runs scored. Sophomore third baseman Karisa Nilsen was a perfect 2-for-2 and also scored four times, while freshman outfielder Heather Gurgiolo was 2-for-5 and scored three times. Sophomore outfielder Erica Pavlinch also went 2-for-2 at the plate in the victory.

2004 Men's & Women's Track & Field Preview

The men's and women's track & field programs have both seen steady growth and improvement over the past several years. The 2004 season appears to be no different, as the Titan and Lady Titan teams appear to be on the verge of moving to the top of the Presidents' Athletic Conference standings.

The men's and women's track & field teams will have new leadership during the upcoming season, as former Titan track standout Don Augustine returns to his alma mater as head coach. The men's team finished a close third and the women second at the 2003 PAC Championships, and both are looking to move further up the ladder in 2004.

Track & field opens the 2004 outdoor season at the Clarion Early Bird Invitational on Saturday, March 29.



Calendar of Events

Friday, March 26
M Golf @ Malone Invitational
All-Campus Spring Retreat (through March 28) — Location TBA
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
1:00 PM Guest Author Visit: Patricia Reilly Giff — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
3:00 PM Baseball vs. Grove City (H)
9:00 PM CPC Presents: Buzz Poets and Guest — MCC Club/Lounge

Saturday, March 27
M&W Track amd Field @ Clarion Early Bird Invitational
SPRING FLING
M Golf @ Malone Invitational
All-Campus Spring Retreat
1:00 PM Baseball @ Grove City
1:00 PM Softball @ Allegheny
7:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega One-Act Festival (First Show)
— MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega One-Act Festival (Second Show)

Sunday, March 28
SPRING FLING
All-Campus Spring Retreat
1:00 PM Softball vs. Hiram (H)
2:00 PM Baseball vs. Pitt-Bradford (H)
6:15 PM IFC Meeting
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:30 PM Chapel Praise Band Practice — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — PH 311/312
9:00 PM Movie in McKelvey — MCC 219

Monday, March 29
W Golf @ Washington and Jefferson Invitational
Greek Organizations' Meetings
Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
12:00 PM M Golf Hosting Westminster Invitational (H)
1:00 PM W GOlf @ Grove City Invitational
3:30 PM M Tennis vs. Thiel (H)
4:00 PM Allies Meeting — PH 311
5:00 PM Panhel Meeting
7:00 PM PRSSA Panel Discussion — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 PM Seekers Praise Band Practice — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

Tuesday, March 30
4:00 PM Baseball vs. St. Vincent (H)
5:30 PM SAA Meeting
7:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 PM International Film Festival: Blow Dry — MCC 219
7:30 PM Harp Duo Recital: Judy Guinn and Nancy Lendrim,Harpists
— Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Newman Club — Miller Board Room (McGill Library)
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge
10:00 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352

Wednesday, March 31
Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352
Last Day for Refund (Spring)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Admissions Office High School Presentation
— MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Kang Na, Topic TBA — MCC 219
3:00 PM Softball @ Penn State-Altoona
3:30 PM M Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
5:00 PM Seekers Concert Committee — MCC 352
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium — MCC Berlin Lounge
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Thursday, April 01
5:00 PM Seekers Exec Meeting — MCC 352
5:00 PM Liberal Arts/Fine Arts Career Day — MCC Witherspoon
6:30 PM SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
8:00 PM Dance Theatre Spring Program: — Orr Auditorium
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

I'll date your auction!

Don't let your dreams be dreams.

She's so cool...I want to be her friend.

Thanks for the wonderful candy at the Info Desk!

Will somebody break my leg so I can use a handicap parking space?

A dubious conundrum, Thomas. Let me consult my Biblical commentary.

I'm partially naked under my clothes.

I am the Lizard King

Westminster College: the 13th grade

Feel my squirrely wrath!

Did you get a raise?

The new webpage layout is messing with my mind.

Let's go to Fiji.

Half-weeks of classes rock my socks.

The tide is high, but I'm holding on...
I'm gonna be your number one.

Rain, rain go away!

When I'm President, the White House will be known as "the Fortress of Doom."

Omnipotence. Gotta get me some of that.

I love that the top two movies at the box office are both about coming back from the dead!

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Our View: Different Worlds

Our campus is smaller than an Amish electric bill. Everyone knows everyone else. Something can't happen without everyone hearing about it. There are no secrets here. No privacy either. It's a small, small world.

There are only 1,400 students on this campus. As far as schools go, we are on the small end. Some of us went to high schools bigger than three Westminsters.

At times it feels like there are only seven and a half people here. In this small campus, we can imagine a school filled with sunshine and squirrels. Class sizes are small enough that it is easy to believe your buddy list is the world. You know everyone.

Except that kid.

And his friends over there.

Come graduation, there will be, at the very least, a half dozen people walking down that aisle you have never seen before. Keep in mind, that's only if you were the most outgoing person this side of Miss America, and you spent all of your time introducing yourself to new people.

Everyone has a routine, a schedule they go about every day, and approximately one fourth of the campus has a schedule similar to yours. So every day, you see the same one fourth of the campus.

However,lLets say one day you skip a class, go to lunch a little later, and what do you find? A cafeteria full of alien faces. Your usual table has been invaded. The normal chatter has taken on an odd tone. Even think the pictures on the walls look different.

No, you haven't slipped sideways into the twilight zone. You have stepped into one of the many alternate worlds of Westminster.

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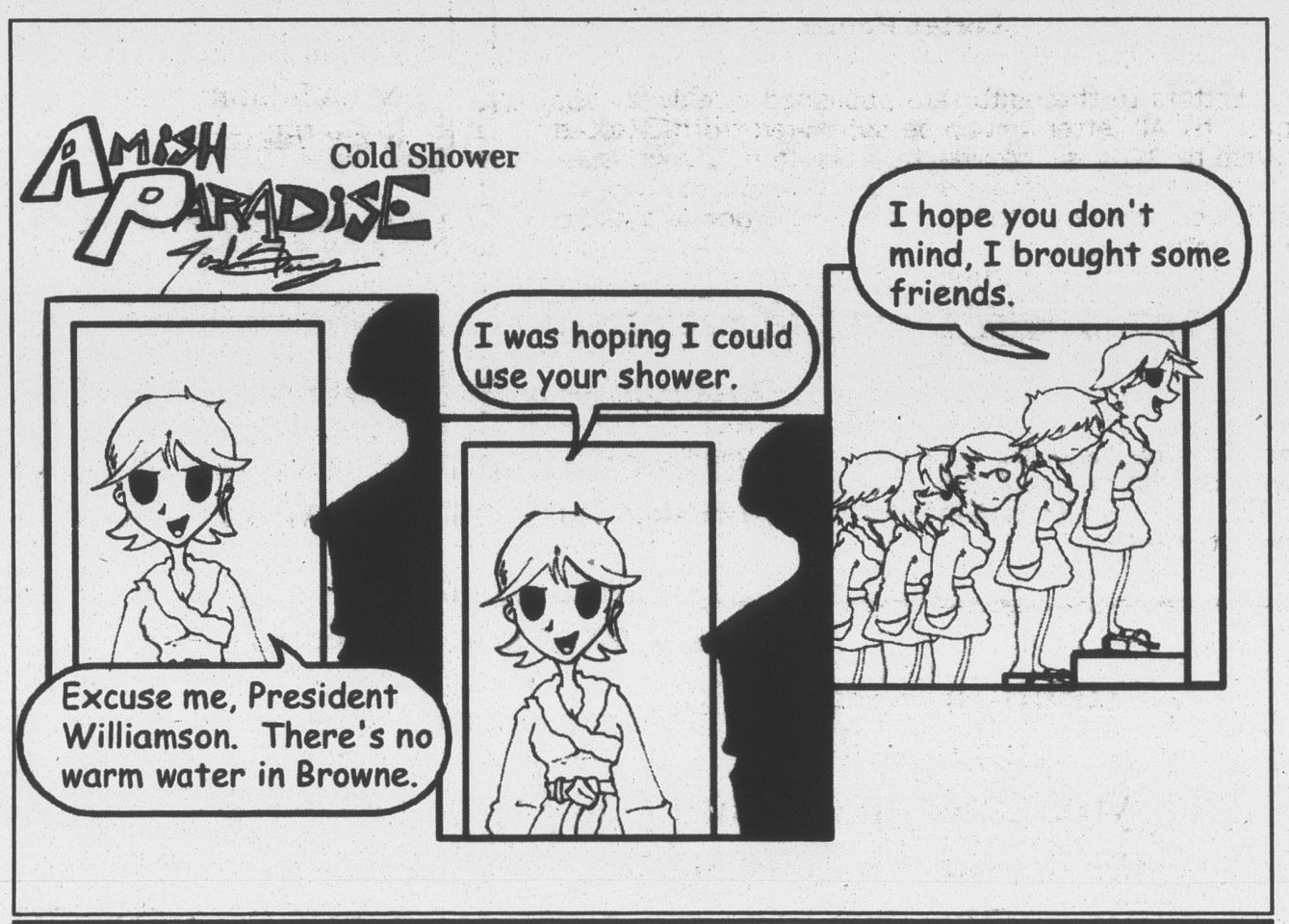
Quantum scientists and sci-fi geeks everywhere have discussed the possibility of parallel universes. Those possibilities are reality. Parallel worlds exist on this campus. When you look the right way, all sorts of people tread these hallowed halls.

Big deal, right? Who cares if there are all these "different worlds" floating around Westminster? Does it really matter if those kids over there have a night class when you're usually watching American Idol? How do these "parallel worlds" affect the average student?

Well, for the most part they don't. For the most part, your average student will go about his or her entire college career and never notice the business major who lives down the hall, and vice versa. But this mind set of "our own little world," or the ever so cliche "Westminster bubble," limits our perception of the college experience. When we define Westminster only by our own standards and day to day lives, we are excluding worlds that may not directly intersect with ours, but still have an effect on our campus lives.

Every time we see a student production in the theater, every time we cheer on one of our Titan sports teams, every time we tune into 88.9 radio while in the shower, we are experiencing the lifeblood of other student worlds that we may know nothing about. Every major, organization and team on this campus contributes to enhancing the Westminster experience. So when you see a group of music majors or baseball players you have never seen before, don't be so quick to dissmiss them as part of the scenery.

Cross over into another world sometime, and learn to appreciate the things you wouldn't normally notice.



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I write in response to the Letter to the Editor about the new meal plans for 2004-2005.

A key point in addressing the writer's concerns is to define the term "meal." Under the current meal plans, a "meal" is an all-you-can-eat meal at the dining rooms or a smaller amount of food using exchange at the Orchard Street Café. Of course if a student uses an exchange meal in the café, he/she relinquishes the right to a meal in the dining rooms. Under the new plans, which are declining balance plans, a "meal" is again an all-you-can-eat meal at the dining rooms or an amount of food purchased a la carte at the café at any one time. Responding to student concerns about the block plans, we have now arranged that there is no exchange involved in the new plans.

In my letter announcing the new meal plans, I indicated the number of "all-you-can-eat" meals that could be purchased at the dining rooms under each plan. The HOLCAD letter writer ignored the information that, in lieu of those dining room meals, a student could eat many more smaller meals by buying items a la carte at the Orchard Street Café

Under the new plans, a student can choose all-you-can-eat dining room meals, or he/she can select smaller meals and pay for just the items he/she wants. The student is no longer being asked to exchange a meal to eat at the café. The bottom line, then, is that for a student who eats regularly in the café, Dine Dollars will enable that person to have many more meal opportunities than under our current plan. A student could actually finish the fall semester having had 200 meals under the $850 Dine Dollar Plan by purchasing the majority of his/her food at the café and eating only the items he/she wants. A year-to-year comparison of number of meals each plan offers, therefore, is not really possible. It will depend on the individual eating patterns of a particular student.

The Resident Dining Facilities Fee will provide the College with just over $1 million in income. However the expenses that I noted in my letter are actual expenses against that revenue. The collection of funds to help maintain and improve dining service facilities is not new. The current block plans also provide the College with those funds because we are incurring those expenses in this year's food operation as well. What's different for the new meal plans is the separation of the fee and the optional Dine Dollar amounts in each plan.

I hope I have addressed the writer's concerns and given your readers some information that will explain the new plans more clearly. I will be happy to address individual questions about the meal plans.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Donald E. Shelenberger
Business Manager

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

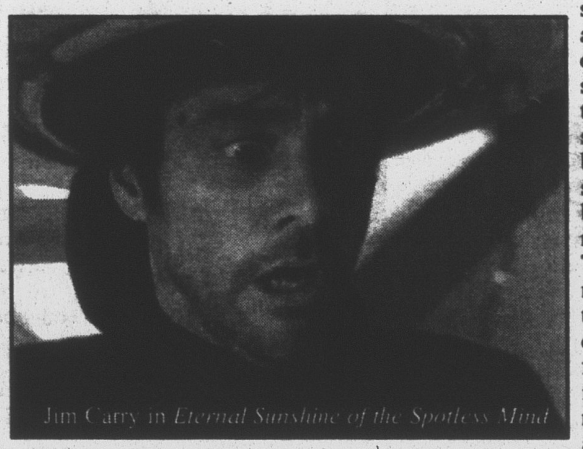
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind & Secret Window

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

After the fun times of spring break, where some were either someplace warm and others were sitting on their duffs at home, the first question on everyone's minds is, of course, which movie to see next! Well, there are two eagerly awaited and vastly different films that hit theaters during Spring Break. The thriller Secret Window and the latest Jim Carrey flick Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

This Jim Carrey movie is definitely no ordinary Jim Carrey movie. Eternal (to which it will be referred to since I'm lazy) is a highly original and brilliantly executed film from the mind of Charlie Kaufman, writer of both Adaptation and Being John Malkovich. The film focuses on two people: Joel (Carrey) and Clementine (Kate Winslet) who had been dating but then Joel discovers that Clementine has erased him from her memory. She does not have any memory of who he is or what they did together. He is a perfect stranger. How was this done? Well, a doctor and his team of specialists have the technology to find particular memories of a certain person and erase them during sleep. Joel then proceeds with the procedure to remove her from his memory but as the procedure takes place, the good memories of Clementine change his view and he wants to keep the memories. However, he must attempt to remember her as his memories of her are disappearing because the operation is already underway.

Now this may sound confusing, it even confuses me. However, this film pulls off this concept brilliantly and makes it logical to the audience. This is not a science fiction film about the technology, nor is it a thriller against time. There are those elements; however this film is really about the relationships of dating, especially between two people in and out of love. As Joel's memories are erased, he relives each memory. More of their relationship is revealed and you completely understand and sympathize with these two people. The film brilliantly balances all of the elements, especially the changes between humor and drama to create a stellar and compelling movie.


Jim Carry in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet are truly magnificent in the lead roles, as they create a unique type of relationship that hasn't really been seen on the big screen before. The versatility of these performances is amazing as this is easily Carrey's best performance and another home run in Winslet's stellar career. If she's in a movie, I'm there. The supporting cast is also extremely good, including Kirsten Dunst. However, the team behind the scenes, particularly the direction, writing, and editing, are the true stars. The vision they had for this film scores and creates a movie that deserves widespread recognition. Eternal is a solid A that can't be compared to a similar film because there really isn't one. This film may not be conventional and the easiest film to figure out, but it is extremely rewarding and an experience you don't want to miss.

Secret Window on the other hand starts out as a stylish thriller and fizzles to a disappointing end. Secret Window's last lines are "The ending is the most important part. And this one…is perfect." Unfortunately this cannot be further from the truth when it comes to Secret Window.

The story involves a writer, Mort Rainey (Johnny Depp), who is frustrated both with writer's block and a messy divorce. Rainey travels to his summer cabin to write when a stranger named John Shooter (John Turturro) shows up at the door and accuses Rainey of plagiarizing his story Secret Window. The conversation turns uncivil rather quickly, and Shooter's deadly desire to have revenge for the plagiarism grows more and more violent with each scene of the film. It is at this point that the movie makes its twist. When Steven King wrote this story, it is likely that this particular plot twist was rather new and creative. But now it has been overdone so much that it was not surprising and it nearly ruined the previous hour of excitement.

Johnny Depp once again makes this movie. There's not much that can be said about this performance, since he takes the rather simple material and makes it quite exciting and funny at the same time. Turturro is also at his best and provides a haunting example of what terror really is.

While the story and plot twist hurt the film and their performances, the extremely formalistic style of directing create enough tension that words may have not been necessary at all for this film. Each shot is a terrifying picture, with very low and very high angles intensifying each scene.

This is a C+ movie on its own. No directing or acting can really make the bad plot twist any better. But comparing other King adaptations leads to an interesting comparison: it's an A compared to Thinner and a D compared to Shawshank.

I'm not ashamed to admit that I watch American Idol

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Yes, that's right. I like American Idol. I used to be against it. Thought it sort of silly. Oh, was I wrong. It's a different breed of 'unscripted' television. I think this show is certainly more life changing than Survivor or My Big Fat Ugly Not so Bright Obnoxious Fiancé or Average (read: Nerd) Joe. Those guys return to their lives back in Poughkeepsie or where ever, enjoy the 15 minutes of fame by doing the grand opening of the Wal-Mart, and then blow their winnings on a foreign car.

I like to look at American Idol for what it really is – a revved up audition process for a recording contract. Only you get famous before you even have the contract.

As with any of these shows, we all have our favorites. Based on talent, personality, or an indescribable "je ne sais quois." Take 16 year old John Stevens. Some people would say he resembles one of our very own Westminster students. And you can't discount that Frank Sinatra/Dean Martin thing he has going on with his voice. However, as much as I like the kid, unless he gets over the awkward stage presence hump, he won't last as long as he really should.

Same for Camille Valesco. She's still very young and if you can't see how nervous she is, you're blind. She needs to relax up there if she wants to make a career out of singing. I think that's why Leah LaBelle was cut last week.

It's a shame that Matt Rogers, a guy with incredible personality and talent was cut Wednesday night. (I agree with Simon – it was his choice of song. I also agree with Simon's "I just don't get country music" comment. Yea, dawg.)

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I loved the fact that Matt was taking a chance outside of the normal arena in which you would find him. Big ole' football player standing next to those tiny girls from Hawaii. And he probably had the best report with the judges – especially Simon. I did disagree when he told Matt to not be so smiley. Get the heck out of here.

Anyway. Who do I think will win? I can't tell right now. I'd bet money on LaToya London being in the top three for the entire run of the show. She's simply classy and incredibly talented. Jon Peter Lewis is going to be the black horse. He has that annoying but cute kid next store thing going on. I hope, hope, hope George Huff goes far. I just like him.

If only we could vote Ryan Seacrest off.

Local band Buzz Poets set to play at ShamROCK event Friday

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

This Friday, Feb. 26, the Kappa Delta sorority and the Campus Programming Committee are sponsoring a "ShamROCK Event," featuring the Buzz Poets, in the McKelvey Student Lounge.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. with Further Down playing opening the show shortly after. The Buzz Poets will be the headliners of this event and are scheduled to take the stage at 9 p.m. The show will cost $5 for students and $7 for non-students.

"We are humbled every day by the response we get from fans worldwide..."

Further Down should be familiar to the campus community through their keyboardist, senior Andy Pazul and lead vocalist, junior Justin Bryan. The other members of the band are guitarist Ed Pazul, drummer Chris Pazul, and bassist Brad Kunz. Their debut album Disillusioned was released this past Saturday at a CD party at the Hard Rock Café in Pittsburgh.

The Buzz Poets are a Western Pennsylvania based rock band that averages 200 shows yearly nationwide. They have been together for six years. The Buzz Poets are known for the manic energy and raw power of their live performances.

The bassist says on the band's website that the band enjoys nothing more than the live performances.

"We are humbled every day by the response we get from fans worldwide, and we are stunned that our music has connected with so many people in such a short amount of time….we relish the opportunity to bring it to all of them personally."

Their first record, "Planet Buzz," was released in December of 1997. This was followed by "Alcohol Abuse Live," which was recorded in late 1998 at the now-closed Graffiti Showcase in Pittsburgh and was released in April of 1999.

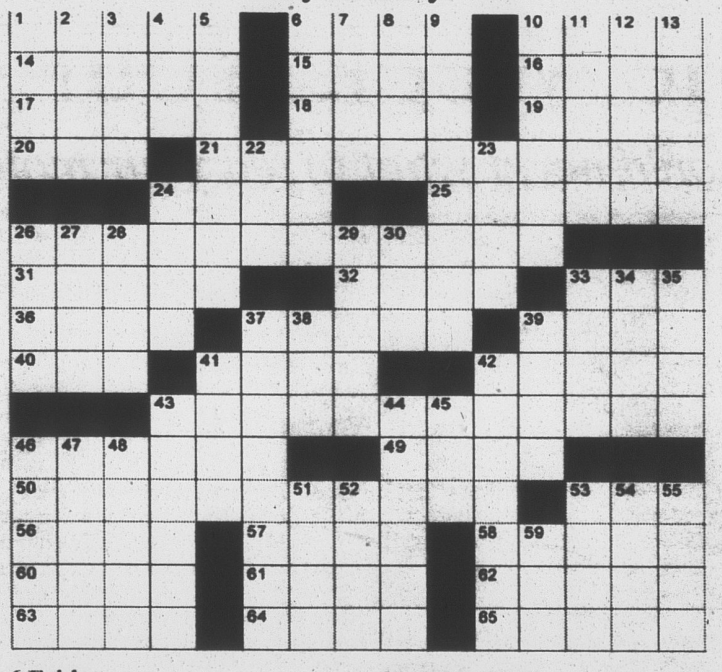
The most ambitious and diverse record in the Buzz Poets catalogue, "Pretzel Sex," was released in November of that same year. Their latest full-length album is a self-titled video enhanced EP, featuring nine tracks, that was released in April of 2001.

They are currently promoting "Two Sides," a three-song demo including the tracks Lemonade, Champion and Angel Eyes.

Crossword 101

Channel Hopping

By Ed Canty



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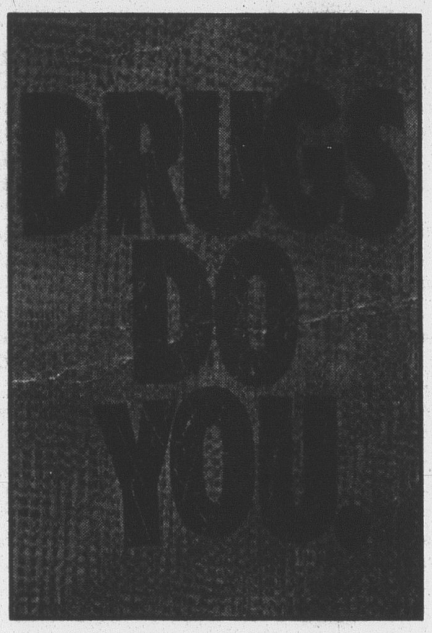

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Pull out all stops this week and go ahead with those plans, everything you need is now in place. The idea of how things are supposed to be and reality will always be in conflict, so don't let it stop you. Matters on the home front need to be taken care of.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Don't jump to conclusions about anything, if it looks to good to be true, it probably is. Look beyond appearances and check out all the facts first. Play your hunches, because your intuition is working overtime this week. Your evenings may be filled with intense romance.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Hindsight is always 20-20. So stop feeling sorry for yourself this week and look around to see just how rich and full your life really is. A friend may be just the remedy to pull you out of the doldrums. Take a tip from their enthusiasm and childlike sense of wonder.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

There is an overlooked detail in your financial dealings that needs to be searched out and taken care of, otherwise it may cause some inconvenience. Since you love tradition and are not overly fond of change, don't be alarmed of the changes, but roll with the punches.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

This week may find you finishing a project with the help of a cool and calm approach. Take a moment to review your work and look for any possibly improvements for the next time. A little soul searching is in order, so bring up old memories, however painful.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Your money matters may need a bit more juggling than usual during the week, and may be due to your dependence on someone who is not very dependable. Cut your losses and move on. Just who or what are you saving your love and affection for - put your own needs as a priority.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

A calm and cool exterior will do more for you than hysteria this week. There is a good reason to not let your feelings get the best of you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one that will be beneficial for the both of you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders during the week. Just continue to do a good job, but don't take it with such a life and death attitude. A lover or partner may be in hysterics, so just listen compassionately and save your reply until later.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

An opportunity this week needs to be seized now before it is snapped up by another. Things around you may have become a little slow, even to routine. Try something new to eject a little live into your every day living and let those creative juices start to flow.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

A fortress in your life may be slowly crumbling away during the week, but if you look at the situation on a positive note, it may be able to provide you with the chance to rebuild according to your own design and desire. Don't take any foolish risks with your health.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Someone in your life seems to be trying to dominate your every move. This person needs to be put in their place with as much tact as possible, with no question of your intent. Things may be changing regarding your personal lifestyle, but it will work out for the best.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

The choices you make this week will depend on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what is really in your best interest. You must be able to maintain a certain level of enthusiasm if you want to accomplish everything on time.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are naturally very practical and grounded in your thoughts and actions. Your fondness for comfort will find you in plush surroundings and sensual pleasures are very important to you. You prefer monogamous relationships, where you can put your best foot forward.

FEATURE

Question of the Week: Your Mother

"What's one thing you'd never want to tell your mother?"

"I didn't drink last night, but if I did, she wouldn't like it."
- Alicia Roberts, senior

"My girlfriend's past."
- Jake Lowry, sophomore

"I don't know... I live a pretty boring life, really."
- Justin Hayek

"I tell my mom everything - I guess I'm not a bad person."
- Jess Kane, senior

"What exactly I did this weekend, in detail."
- Nanette Tomicek, sophomore

"My boyfriend's real age - he's old."
- Jodie Haas, sophomore

"How much I'm in debt, probably."
- Jaime Carter, junior

"How much I'm wasting her money in college."
- Laura Zorch, sophomore

"'I've got this rash, Mom.' That's the one thing I wouldn't want to tell her, and haven't yet."
- Shane McCoullough, sophomore

"I got a kid... No, not really."
- Jon Lauterbach, freshman

If college was a computer game...

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Sims Addict

Ever played The Sims? It's a computer game that puts you in control of an entire household of simulated people. It's also highly addictive, as it's possible to go through entire days in the game in just an hour. The idea of the game is to put your simulated human beings, known as Sims, into a house, then get them to feed/cook/work for themselves.

Of course, the Sims' artificial intelligence is far from perfect. So let's take a look at a Sims household, built as a college dormitory, as an experiment in how far from reality the artificial intelligence truly is.

Prologue: Used a cheat code to add an extra $200,000 to the house building funds. There's a lot of money left over, but it'll be used up by the Sims getting on their feet those first few days.

As for the building itself, it took an hour to make, but it's a pretty accurate representation of a dormitory! It has a girl's side, a boy's side, two bathrooms, a lobby, a study lounge, and a kitchen. The lobby even has a pool table and television to amuse the Sims when they get really bored.

Day 1: Moved in the Sims. They flooded the building in search of looking at new and shiny things like a herd of curious ferrets. The guys even went for their wing of the dorm first, and the girls went for theirs. Unfortunately, two of the girls are having trouble remembering which room is theirs. They can't seem to be able to pick one room's ugly desk over the other room's ugly desk.

True to form, everybody hates the furnishings in the dorm rooms. Sadly enough, if they want these rooms decorated, it has to be done for them. Sims are apparently unable to put up posters or any sort of other decoration. Even though they receive their own individual 'personalities' at creation, it's apparently not enough to have a favorite band.

Perhaps the company should invest in developing a Sims college expansion pack.

Day 2: Found a little flaw in the plan. It's not possible to create Sims exclusively to cook for the dorm residents, so they must cook for themselves. A stove was included in the kitchen in the dorm, yet they've already managed to set the kitchen on fire once. Hopefully they'll learn to just order pizza.

Also, ironically enough, they hate to study. This puts a crimp in plan to eliminate fires through studying cooking. Of course, let's not touch on how studying a book on cooking automatically makes a Sim less of a klutz on a stove.

Day 3: All the Sims do is lay around the house all day, playing computer games and eating. Ignoring the obvious parallels to real life here, and am currently fixing this by making them all look for jobs. Except for a few slackers (and one artist), all of the Sims now have jobs. Of course, they're a little silly for college students, but they can just think of them as their majors. Like going to classes, but getting paid.

Day 4: Another fire! Reason says that if a stove catches on fire when one uses it, one should stop using it. Reason also says that if a stove catches on fire, you use a fire extinguisher, instead of hopping around screaming like a crazy person. None of the Sims ever feel the need to actually run out of the house – instead, they actually gather around the fire to help scream. Yeah, that's really smart. At least when people burn popcorn here at school, we understand that the loud annoying beeping noise means to get the heck out of Dodge.

Day 5: While these Sims have finally managed to figure out who's bed is whose, they certainly can't understand the concept of property ownership. Roommates sharing a computer is one thing, but they're leaving their own perfectly good computers in their rooms and then going to another girl's room to use her computer.

The starving artist isn't, well, starving at all. However, he's have a bit of trouble building up his creativity, and his paintings aren't selling for anything. Yet another humanities major let loose in the world.

Day 6: It takes 25 game minutes for a Sim to go to the bathroom! Not to mention a 45 minutes for a shower, and a ridiculous half-hour to get from one end of the dormitory to the other. This wouldn't be in a issue if the Sims didn't have to get to their carpool to work within an hour of it arriving at the house. And if they oversleep and are woken up, it takes a full twenty minutes for them to eventually get out of bed.

Okay, maybe that last one's not too far off.

Day 7: Yet another stove fire. This time a few counters went up with it before the fire department came and put it out. Thankfully, the Sims can be made to forget about the fire and go play chess.

Day 8: When a Sim comes home from work, they stand in the middle of the road until they think of something to do. Luckily for them, the car that drops them off is smarter than to run them over. Unluckily for me, the car isn't smart enough to go around the offending Sim.

Sims are pretty stupid like that.

Day 9: One of the Sims lost her job. She's now moping around the house in a funk, unwilling to do anything but eat and go to the bathroom. She's too depressed to play pool, study, paint, or even look for another job. The excess money from the start of the game is quickly dwindling, and if she doesn't find a job, these Sims won't be able to even feed themselves anymore.

Stupid Sims.

Day 10: The depressed Sim managed to set the kitchen on fire. I let it burn.

Epilogue: Extensive research has proven that college students are in fact smarter than computers.

Please, please, please, don't prove me wrong.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Senior Gift

by Drew Huston
News Editor

I've paid a lot of money to attend school here. I've bought overpriced books, overpriced meal plans, and overpriced souvenirs at the bookstore. I've paid extremely high-priced tuition, and have seen it rise every year I've attended classes. I even paid $25 to get a cheap cap and gown for graduation (the tassel alone was $3.50). I've paid a lot of money to go here, and now the school wants more of my money. Namely, the senior class gift committee wants me to give money in the name of a project that I won't necessarily have a say in its final form. Here is my response to them: I appreciate it, but I'm keeping my money, thanks.

Here are some reasons why I think that giving money to this project is ridiculous, and furthermore that the format of the decision-making process of this project is inherently flawed and unfair to those who choose to give money to it:

First of all, the senior class gift isn't necessarily set in stone. Actually, it's a number of options, namely computer lab equipment, a Park Bench, Picnic Tables, or contributing to the renovation of Old Main - in the name of the class of 2004, of course. The members of the class of 2004 who choose to give money may choose one of these categories to give to. However, that doesn't mean that the project one chooses will be the one that gets the money. Rather, the project that gets the largest amount in donations will be the one that gets everything - it's a winner-take-all situation, and, well, that just plain sucks.

I've heard reports that last year there were several options presented to the senior class, as there have been this year, and the result was one special senior contributing all $100 of his matriculation fee to some wonderful benefit for the board of trustees. So, rather than the joint contributions from all of the seniors going to some other cause that would benefit students, the entire senior gift went to help out the board. Sorry. I like the board, and think they do a good job (though raising tuition doesn't make them my best friends), but they have enough money to play with. I will not spend my money to brown nose as that particular person did last year. Of course, this is hearsay, but the possibility still remains: my money will not necessarily go where I want it to. I don't agree with that, and so I will not give.

Let's look at the options for us, too. Computer lab equipment? Why do we pay an InfoTech fee and have to put up with reduced computer lab hours and fewer computer labs? For our health? I already pay a nice, hefty fee for computer access at this college. This school needs to get its priorities straight and start funneling money to places where students can really use it - namely Information Systems. I refuse to buy computer lab equipment, especially if students in the near future will have to pay for its use, or won't be able to use it at all due to severely restricted lab hours and usage. Fix the system - buying new stuff won't fix it for you.

What about a park bench? Oh, lovely. Another park bench somewhere on this campus that will hardly be sat in - this one with a lovely metal plaque that says "Donated by the Class of 2004" on it. Where will we put this bench? Will we put it in a high-traffic area? Doubtful - there are benches in many (if not all) of the areas authorized for their use and placement. Plus, a bench won't hold up very long. If I come back for my 30th Class Reunion, the odds are the bench we spent our money on wouldn't be there. I believe in making lasting investments, so this won't get my money either.

Picnic tables is about as preposterous as a park bench - maybe even more so. Perhaps if they were used at the entrances of the residence halls and in other areas where smokers and other students can sit and talk they would be useful. However, they, like the benches, would be temporary investments, at best. They just wouldn't last. Wow. What a legacy - the class of 2004's rotten, rusted picnic table.

Contributing to the renovation of Old Main would probably prove to be the longest-lasting thing we could do on this campus. The wiring is very dangerous in that building, and it really needs fixed. However, will we even be recognized if we give our money? Will "Donated by the Class of 2004" appear on a light fixture somewhere? Somehow, I doubt that we will be remembered for our contribution, and some aging, millionaire alumnus will get all the credit. Sorry, I don't play second fiddle when I contribute.

I have paid over $100,000 to go to school here in my four years. Don't buy that old argument that some people in the Administration will give you - "You didn't pay $100,000 to go here, because you had scholarships and grants and loans and other sources of financial aid provided by the college." That's BS. The college would not have access to that money if it weren't for me. It's locked in an account, and is inaccessible unless qualified students register for it and enable the school to access it. Westminster is most definitely not giving us a free ride in any sense of the word - they are making $100,000+ from each and every one of us, be it from our own pocket, or from money they can only access if we come here. So, yes, this school has gotten over $100,000 through various ways in my tenure here. We have over 1,100 students going to this school. Everybody is paying for school somehow, so the school is getting a lot of money from us, regardless of what route the money comes through.

Maybe when I'm a rich alumnus I'll think of Mother Fair, and I'll contribute some money to the Political Science Department - get them some nice new offices and maybe even another full-time faculty member. But right now, I'm a poor college student. I am taking what little money I have left and I am keeping it for myself. Don't let people make you feel guilty for this - you've paid a crap load of money to go here, and you don't owe the college anything. Yes, this college has sentimental value to me, but I will give when, how and to what I choose.

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No Heart vs Bleeding Heart

Could the 9/11 attacks have been prevented?

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

For those of you who don't watch CNN or Fox News as religiously as Rich and I do, a supposed campaign "bombshell" was dropped this week. Richard Clarke, former counter terrorism advisor to both the Clinton and Bush administrations, released a book called "Against All Enemies", which criticizes the Bush administration for its lack of acting on information presented to it concerning terrorism prior to September 11th.

He knocks the Clinton administration as well, but not nearly to the degree that he pounds Bush and his advisors. He claims that Bush knew that terrorism should have been a higher priority based on the facts Mr. Clarke provided. Now the entire country is wondering "Could we have prevented the attacks on 9-11?"

Ok, I'm sorry, but this guy really ticks me off. He claims to be nonpartisan, and his attack on Bush and Clinton is supposed to prove this. I don't buy it. Clarke releases a book that attempts to damage Bush's credibility during the campaign season, where every statement is ridiculously distorted to the right or left.

If he would have released this book at any other time, I may have considered his "nonpartisan" angle. But this was a direct shot at the Bush reelection campaign, and I find it a low blow.

And of course, the media has pounced on this story like flies on crap. And Richard Clarke has been more than happy to appear on every morning show, talk show, and puppet show imaginable.

So maybe we should question Mr. Clarke's motives. Is he really out to do his duty and inform the public of the mistakes made by the President? Or is he instead out for his own benefit, either through monetary profit or establishing his own credibility? I must point out the story brought to light by Condoleezza Rice. She states that Mr. Clarke was upset about his demotion to the cyber unit of security, instead of the number two position under Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge.

Can someone say bitter?

But what bothers me the most is the core of Clarke's accusation: Bush could have prevented 9-11. Now I want you to actually stop and think about this. No matter how much you may despise Bush, or even Clinton, do you really think either of these men pushed aside the welfare of thousands of American lives just to talk about tax reform?

I don't think so. Any human being, if aware of the threat, would have done all in their power to prevent it. In fact, every other source who was present at the same time as Clarke claim that the information provided to Bush led to the conclusion that there would be an attack overseas, not on our own land. But even with this information, Bush had asked the FBI and CIA to monitor the situation both across the seas and here at home.

To say that any President of the United States would easily dismiss the threat of terror on Americans, no matter what the venue, is simply ridiculous.

Mr. Clarke, you should be ashamed of yourself. I'm not saying that you don't have a right to criticize Bush, everyone does, and it's called the First Amendment. But you don't have the right to exaggerate the facts in order to make yourself feel better about mistakes you made during your time in the White House.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

Do you remember a time when American citizens were free to criticize the government? Those times are certainly getting hard to remember. But think back to the late 90s; the economy was great, jobs were plentiful, we had relative peace abroad and it was open season on the President and the Republicans were hunting. They had vowed to uncover the moral horror of a possible sex scandal in the White House.

Now, jump back to the present and look at our current situation. The economy stinks, unemployment is still at unacceptable highs, we are fighting two wars (that's right...we are still in Afghanistan...) and we are unable to criticize the President without being labeled "un-American" or "un-Patriotic". A perfect example of this mudslinging by the President and his lackeys can be found in the attacks on terrorism expert and author, Richard Clarke.

Richard Clarke, up until the release of his book Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror, was heralded by Republicans and Democrats alike as one of the greatest minds in counterterrorism in the world. Clarke, a registered Republican, known for his brusque style and unparalleled skill within the bureaucracy; served in the intelligence community under Presidents Reagan, Bush Sr., Clinton and finally for two years under GW Bush.

However, after two years of service to the Bush administration, Clarke found that he was unable to continue. Clarke argues that during his time with the current administration, they were unresponsive and uncaring regarding terrorist warning signs leading up to the events of September 11th 2001.

In his book, Clarke points out that during the transition of power, the Clinton Administration and George Tenet, warned the Bush team that Al Qaida would be their biggest national security issue. According to Clarke, "I wrote to Condoleezza Rice asking for an urgent — underlined "urgent" — meeting of the so-called Principals Committee. Now, that's the Cabinet-level members of the NSC: secretary of defense, secretary of state, CIA director, attorney general." However, the meeting never took place. Instead, a meeting on the "threat" of Iraq was held.

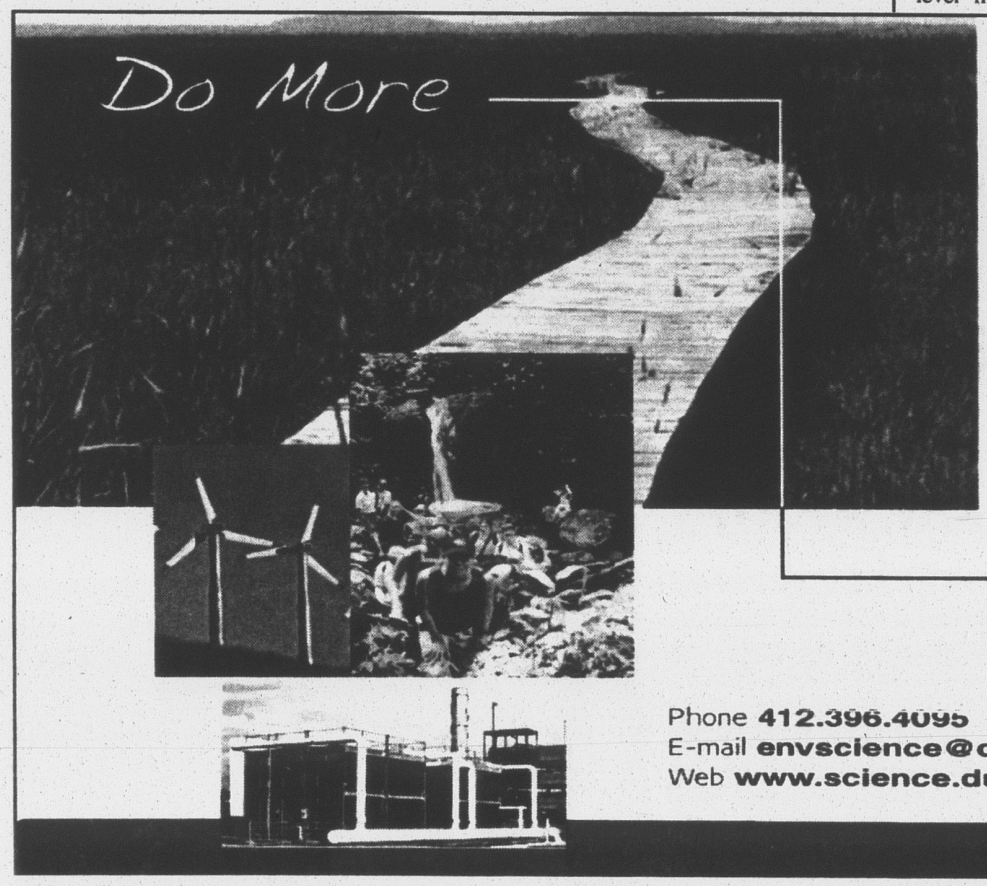
However, Clarke not only charges that the Bush Administration dropped the ball on terrorism before 9-11, but they ignored the real threat to settle an old score; Iraq. Clarke testifies that one day after 9-11, the Bush Administration was trying to link Iraq to the horrors of the previous day. Bush told Clarke, "Iraq. Give me a memo about Iraq and 9/11". Clarke points out that this was not, as the White House claims "suggestions" or "possibilities", but rather this was an "intimidating message" that was meant to tell Clarke and his staff to find/make a connection.

Now the White House claims that Richard Clarke is merely doing this for partisan reasons. However, it should be pointed out that Richard Clarke worked for Republican administrations for twice as long as he did Democrats (16 years Republican compared to 8 years Democrat). Additionally, the man is and continues to be a registered Republican.

The Administration also attempts to reinforce the "political motivation", by pointing out that Clarke could have released this information after he quit, however, he chose to wait until an election year. I merely ask you to take into account how long a book takes to write, edit and publish; which takes several months at least.

Additionally, it is only fair to mention that Clarke is not the only former Bush Administration member who is critical of the President. Former Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neil, also pins the administration with a lackluster record on terrorism and Iraq.

The moral of the story is that Republicans, like old saying goes, like to "dish it out, but they can't take it". Republicans were more than happy to question the integrity of President Clinton regarding a sex scandal (that had nothing to do with National security and killed no one...), however, it is blaspheme for anyone to question or investigate a President whose negligence and arrogance may have killed innocent people around the world.



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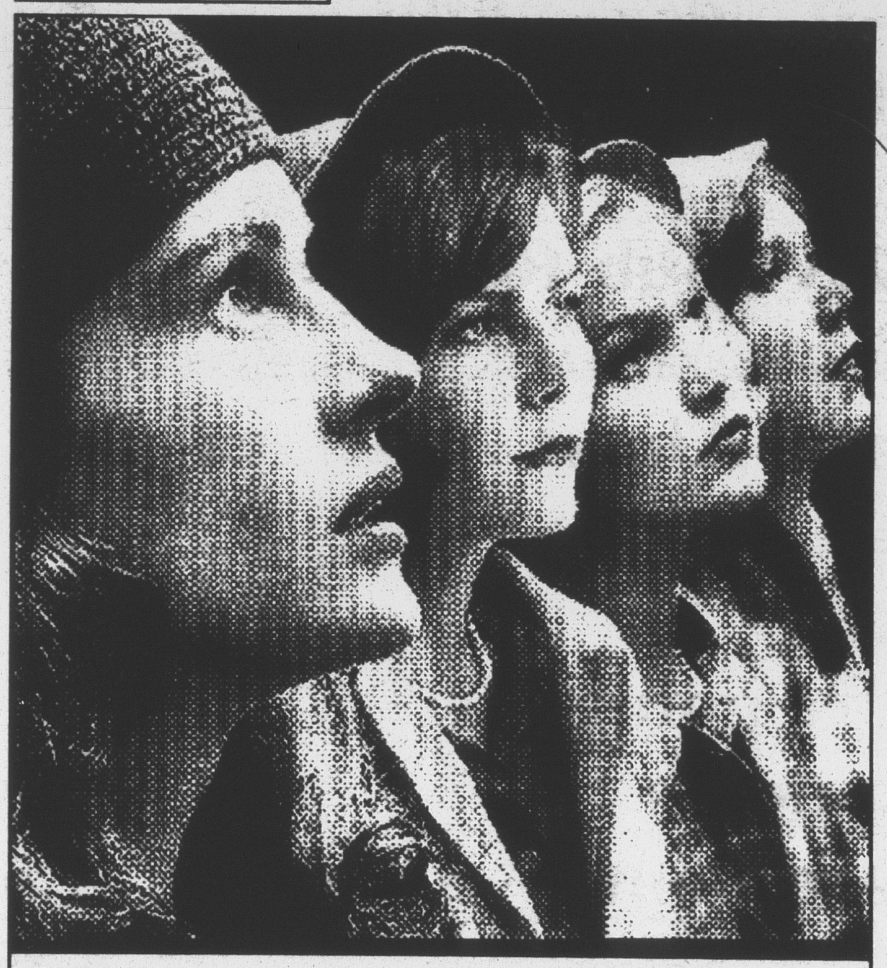

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Clean energy successes on our nation's campuses

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BY NICK ALGEE *Southern Alliance for Clean Energy*
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Students across the country realize that the only way to achieve a sustainable future is to switch to clean energy now! Students are legendary in spearheading political and social change. Today, students are leading the way towards a clean energy future by challenging the Bush administration's rejection of global warming solutions. Already dozens of campuses have switched to clean energy alternatives, reduced harmful emissions and implemented green building standards. As centers of research, development and learning, higher educations institutions have the responsibility to invest in a cleaner, safer sustainable energy future.

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International day of action for clean energy solutions

BY BRANDON BAKER-RICE
Free The Planet!

Countries around the world are embracing viable renewable energy sources of energy such as wind and solar power. In North America, students are challenging the status quo of dirty energy and calling for significant investments in clean, sustainable energy sources. Following recent successes this past fall, students across the country are joining with a diverse group of organizations to call for a future free from dependence on fossil fuels. On April 1, 2004 actions are occurring on more than 100 campuses to promote a clean energy future.

The Situation

Globally, wind energy has become the fastest growing energy source as businesses, schools and communities are making significant investments in solar power. Over 150 U.S. cities have pledged to voluntarily reduce their carbon emissions through conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. However, the international push for cleaner, more sustainable energy has not been met with serious investment by business and political leaders within the United States.

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Pentagon, World Bank studies warn of global warming

Alarm bells sound within the establishment

People of color and the poor hardest hit by the effects of climate change

BY DAVE CARHART
Student Environmental Action Coalition

WASHINGTON—The facts are out; global warming is happening now and it is caused by human pollution. Two recent reports, one coming out of an internal Department of Defense (DoD) think tank and one from an independent panel created by the World Bank, are leading the debate around clean energy and climate change. Both institutions are struggling to downplay the studies that they requested, even as the findings strengthen the case that global warming is a major threat that necessitates immediate action.

Despite the World Bank's extensive investments in gas, coal and oil projects, their report calls for a complete end to the funding of such projects. It urges an increase in investment in clean energy sources to promote a broader transition in energy systems. Burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas creates unnatural CO_2—the pollution that traps heat in the atmosphere and causes global warming. The rise in temperature throws the Earth's weather system off balance and creates unpredictable weather such as floods, droughts, heat waves, wildfires and intensified hurricanes. Clean energy uses the unlimited power of the wind and sun to create power without pollution and harm to the environment.

Meanwhile, the DoD report begins by stating "there is substantial evidence to indicate that significant global warming will occur during the 21sth century" and continues by warning of the catastrophic effects that may come with it. Rising sea levels, declining agricultural production and increasingly destructive weather including massive droughts and violent storms are only the first part of the problem it says. Mass migrations, civil disorder and international conflict, driven by the increasing competition for diminishing resources, will become endemic if climate change on this scale takes place.

The conclusions of the two reports are themselves hardly news; the startling fact is that, even within generally conservative arenas, people are speaking out on the issue. A broad scientific consensus exists to justify concern and pressure has been building at all levels of society for institutions to rise and meet the challenge.

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Bush administration continues to serve fossil fools

BY BRANDON BAKER-RICE
Free The Planet!

Since the Bush administration has come into office, it has sought to dismantle and hinder initiatives to prevent climate change at every level. Both President Bush and Vice President Cheney have numerous friends and supporters in the fossil fuel industry and they have unscrupulously acted on their behalf. They continue to provide subsidies and tax breaks worth $20 billion a year for oil and coal interests while leaving research and development of renewable energy grossly under-funded.

One of President Bush's first acts after being elected was to state his opposition to ratification of the landmark Kyoto Protocol, which sets targets for reduction of greenhouse gases. The treaty, which was signed by President Clinton, has been accepted by 178 other nations. In addition to being opposed to ratification, the Bush administration has actively sought to derail negotiations. It has lobbied other countries, including Russia and Australia, against ratifying the treaty in order to prevent binding treaty standards. The Administration has opted to rely on voluntary emissions programs instead of ratifying the treaty. These programs have been in place in the United States for 10 years, and have been accompanied by a 15 percent increase in greenhouse gas emissions. Experts on climate change agree that voluntary emissions programs

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever does. *-Margaret Mead*

SUCCESS across college and university campuses

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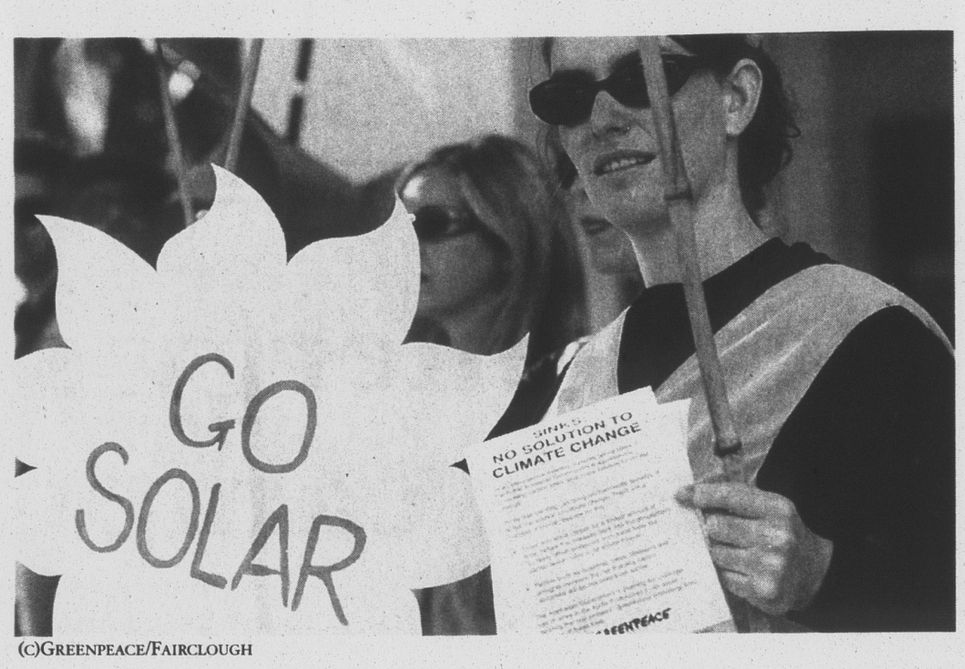

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CHECK OUT THESE STUDENT-LED SUCCESS STORIES:

● ***Lewis & Clark University*** (Oregon): In October 2003, Lewis and Clark University became the first campus in the U.S. to comply with the Kyoto Protocol! The campus was able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 7% below 1990 levels through a comprehensive inventory and analysis of energy use, in addition to transportation improvements, dorm room green power purchasing options, energy efficient appliances, and purchasing offsets of CO_2 emissions.

● Pennsylvania schools have established themselves as leaders in advocating wind power with the help of one of the nation's most influential renewable energy certificate companies, Community Energy Inc.. Over 25 institutions cumulatively purchase 224 megawatts from Community Energy, Inc.: ***Allegheny College*** 7.5%, ***Bucknell University*** 3%, ***Carnegie Mellon University*** 6%, ***Chatham College*** 10%, ***Dickinson College*** 9.2%, ***Drexel University*** 9.5%, ***Duquesne University*** 5%, ***Eastern University*** 37%, ***Franklin & Marshall College*** 7.1%, ***Gannon University*** 5.1%, ***Gettysburg College*** 6.9%, ***Juniata College*** 6%, ***Keystone College*** 5%, ***Mercyhurst College*** 10%, ***Penn State University – Satellite Campuses*** 5%, ***Penn State University – State College*** 5%, ***Swarthmore College*** 2.5%, ***Temple University, Ambler Campus*** 5%, ***University of Pennsylvania*** 11%.

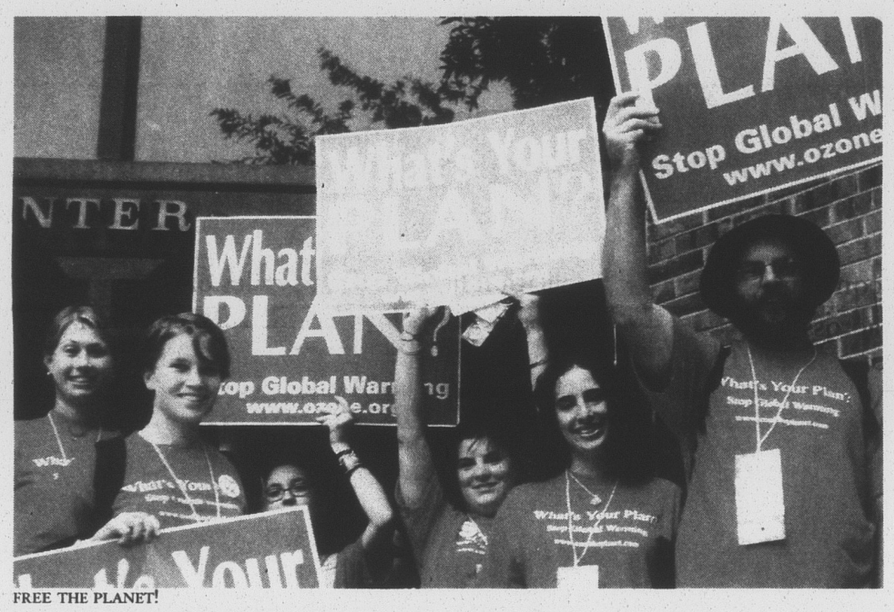
● ***University of California*** (UC): In the summer of 2003, after more than a year of student and Greenpeace campaigning the University's governing body passed a comprehensive Clean Energy and Green Building Policy for the 10-campus system. The policy mandates that the UC purchase 20% of the university's energy from clean energy sources by 2017, generate 10 megawatts of renewable energy onsite, and use green building guidelines in the construction of all new buildings

● ***University of Colorado at Boulder***: In 2000, Boulder made national history by becoming the first institution to ever support renewable energy through student fees by passing a student based referendum. Students showed overwhelming support by voting 'Yes' in a 5 to 1 margin for a $1 per semester fee for 4 years. In the largest voter turn out in school history, students voluntarily raised $50,000 a year purchasing enough wind power to offset annual CO2 emissions by 2.8 million pounds.

● ***Connecticut College***: In 2001, the student body voted to add $25 to student fees to purchase renewable energy. In 2003, the College purchased Tradable Renewable Credits from Environmental Action Desk representing about 22% of the annual energy load. After renegotiating, the college now purchases an equivalent of 45% wind energy for the next two years. The campus is on the verge of passing an energy policy that will finalize the school's commitment to clean energy.

● ***Unity College*** (Maine): In February of 2004, Unity College began living its motto as "America's Environmental College" when it began purchasing 100% renewable energy. By purchasing power from Maine Power Options and Maine Renewable Energy, the college offset its emissions by 27%, or 644,000 pounds a year. The purchase will increase the annual power bill by an estimated $3,000 to $5,000 a year.

● The ***University of Utah*** has passed a resolution that will make them Utah's largest purchaser of pollution-free wind power. The U of U Wind Power Campaign is a partnership between the University's only student environmental organization, Terra Firma, the University of Utah's student government, the Utah Clean Energy Alliance and Western Resource Advocates. Through a student-led campaign to create a $1 student fee to cover the cost of wind power, the U of U will be responsible for avoiding over 3,000 tons of CO_2 emissions and saving over 1.6 million gallons of water by buying upwards of 3 million kWh (kilowatt hours) of wind generated electricity each year. Over 4 years, this fee will generate over $250,000 to be invested in pollution-free, renewable wind energy.



FREE THE PLANET!

While students have been at the forefront of the national movement for clean energy on campuses, many campus administrators also realize the benefits of a diverse energy portfolio, energy conservation and efficiency, and sustainable buildings.

CHECK OUT THESE ADMINISTRATOR-LED SUCCESS STORIES:

● ***State University of New York – University at Buffalo*** (UB): UB started conservation measures in the late 1970s. Since the establishment of 'Conservation-UB' in 1982, documented savings exceed $9 million, while cumulative savings are estimated at over $60 million! With these savings, UB has become the largest wind energy purchaser in the State of New York.

● ***Dickinson College***: In an administrative-led effort, Dickinson is powered by 9.2% wind energy. Students are now working with the administration to increase the amount of clean energy purchased.

● ***Duke University*** (North Carolina): In 2002, the campus organization Environmental Alliance proposed conservation and efficiency measures that were estimated to save $800,000 over 10 years. After adopting the measures, the administration challenged the campus to match $25,000 for the purchase of wind-generated energy. In April 2003, the Duke Green Power Challenge was initiated. In just 4 weeks, the program gained the support of over 500 individuals who committed to buy blocks of renewable energy at $25 a piece. Duke's energy load is now supported by over 2% wind energy!

Kevin Emerson also contributed to this story

ADMINISTRATION

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are not effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which is the chief cause of climate change.

From the beginning, the Bush administration has begun crafting its energy policy with its friends in the fossil fuel industry in mind. The Cheney Energy Task Force was developed with the direct input of some of the nation's biggest polluters, including Enron. The report, which is currently classified, is suspected to contain the energy lobby's direct objectives. Numerous groups, from the Sierra Club to the Congressional General Accounting Office, have filed suit to have the information from the task force released, but Vice President Cheney continues to support his industry friends.

President Bush's Clear Skies initiative is the inappropriately named plan for reducing the rules placed on power plants. The initiative, crafted to the specific needs of Bush's fossil fuel industry supporters, decreases existing rules and standards governing power plant pollution. One of the more damaging changes is the attempt to reduce the efficacy of the New Source Review, a provision of the Clean Air Act that mandates older, more polluting power plants install modern pollution controls when they undergo major renovations. The changes the EPA is making to the Clean Air Act would exempt most older power plants, which currently account for about 25 percent of all harmful emissions. By creating more lax pollution and emission standards for power plants, the Bush dministration is actively contributing to climate change.

President Bush has also attempted to open up our public lands to increased mining, drilling and logging. The plan to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is only one part of a campaign that the Bush administration is undertaking to sell off our natural treasures to his friends in the oil and coal lobby. By providing major tax breaks and incentives for fossil fuel companies to exploit these regions, Bush is both destroying some of America's last wild places and increasing our dependence on fossil fuels.

The Administration has announced an initiative for hydrogen fuel cell powered cars, dubbed "FreedomCAR (Cooperative Automotive Research)." The initiative has been launched in place of increasing fuel efficiency and mandating that automakers utilize fuel efficiency technology that is available today. Instead, President Bush has opted to give $1.2 billion to auto makers to develop a car that will not viable for 15 years. By refusing to substantially increase fuel standards today, President Bush has shown his refusal to help prevent climate change now.

The Bush administration has continuously attempted to stifle scientific research that disagrees with its pro-fossil fuel policies. However, the increasing evidence for immediate action make the Bush administration's refusal to take real steps towards reducing emissions look increasingly foolish. A report released from the Pentagon on February 22, 2004, which the White House attempted to suppress, details the grave security threat that climate change will present in the future including increased famine, large numbers of environmental refugees, and increased warfare over dwindling food and water supplies. We will all feel the impact if the Bush administration continues to ignore the problem of climate change and instead opts to help his friends in the fossil fuel industry.

What's happening above the border?

BY FERNANDO ALOISE
Sierra Youth Coalition

Canadian students have also joined forces to promote the international day of action for clean energy. This is the first year Canadians will participate in the event and we hope to make this the beginning of a new tradition

Schools in Canada are celebrating the Action Day in a variety of ways. The University of Waterloo in Ontario, for example, is devoting the day to making students aware of alternative energy options and the need for our government's support in making sure these options are available. In the east coast, Acadia University in Nova Scotia is holding a week long event where students will have a chance to play "Environmental Jeopardy" and a watch a student-made documentary about the school's thoughts on renewable energy.

While it is important for universities and colleges to use the day to focus on their own specific issues, it is equally important that a strong national message be sent to the Canadian government. In addition to a national Press Release, students and youth from 11 Canadian Campuses have created a postcard campaign to send a clear message to the Paul Martin government demanding green energy. Each letter of the postcard is formed by a group of students, the pictures were cut and pasted to form the final message: "Clean Energy Now". The reverse side of the postcard lists the student demands for the Canadian government.

To learn more about how Canadians are promoting the National Day of Action for Clean Energy, visit www.syc-cjs.org/fossilfools

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Day of **ACTION**

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Two years ago, the Bush administration withdrew from the Kyoto Protocol and broke a campaign promise to cut carbon dioxide emissions. This administration currently does not provide adequate funding for renewable energy research, has weakened energy efficiency standards, and created the most dirty energy plan in history that favors polluting industries. The United States still produces over half of its electricity from coal, and continues to subsidize the coal and oil industries with $20 billion a year. In contrast, solar and wind technology continues to progress, despite little government investment.

This heavy investment in polluting energies has resulted in devastating effects for human health and the environment. The number of respiratory illnesses has steadily increased, particularly in large cities and areas near coal-fired power plants. The byproducts of these dirty fuels have led to atmospheric pollution and acid rain, which affect our natural areas. However, the most frightening result from the use of fossil fuels is the production of greenhouse gases. Power plants are the largest source for greenhouse gases, which have been proven to be the primary cause of climate change.

The Solution

As a result of the lack of government interaction, students across North America are taking the lead in creating a better future by advocating for cleaner, safer, sustainable energy sources such as wind and solar power. These sources will compliment cost-saving energy conservation and efficiency programs.

The first event is the international day of action on April 1, 2004. This day of action is the product of a strong coalition of groups including: Climate Campaign; Community Energy, Inc; Energy Justice Network; EnviroCitizen; Free The Planet!; Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice; Greenpeace; Illinois Student Environmental Network; National Wildlife Federation; Northeast Student Environmental Action Coalition; SEAC Youth Power Shift Campaign; Sierra Youth Coalition; Southern Alliance for Clean Energy; Student PIRGs; SustainUS; Utah Clean Energy Alliance; and Western Resource Advocates.

These groups have come together to form a nationwide partnership to help facilitate more clean energy solutions. Many schools are conducting actions to push for more clean energy including:

- Students at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill are creating engaging educational and information activities on their quad including an energy bike, a mound of coal, solar panels, and more.
- Students from Lafayette are creating paper-mache windmills on their quad with a banner proclaiming "We demand clean energy!".
- And students from campuses across the country are staging actions from mock blackouts to gathering petitions to send to state legislatures.

Many schools have opted to purchase part or all of their energy from clean, renewable sources. These schools are part of a growing movement for clean energy. This April 1st day of action represents a continuing push for renewable energy on campuses across the country. Students and youth will not be fooled by fossil fuels and are demanding more clean energy solutions, both on their campuses and in their communities.

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Reports warn of **GLOBAL WARMING**

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group created by the United Nations, may be the most respected group with the most extensive scientific expertise to have weighed in on the debate. In 2001, they released their third assessment of the scientific evidence for global warming. Hundreds of scientists and other experts from around the world contributed to the assessment that built upon the work of the panel's previous investigations. Each successive study has cited stronger and stronger evidence that global warming is already happening and that it is connected with pollution generated by humans. It predicts temperature increases of between 2.5 and 10.4 degrees Farenheit within the next century. These changes, claims the advocacy group Environmental Defense "would translate into climate-related impacts that are much larger and faster than any that have occurred during the 10,000-year history of civilization."

According to the IPCC "an increasing body of observations gives a collective picture of a warming world and other changes in the climate system." It cites rising temperature of the earth's surface, lower atmosphere and oceans, rising sea levels and retreating glaciers and ice cover as evidence of the environmental impact of humans. "There is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activity," it concludes. More specifically, point out many groups, this change is largely attributable to activity in developed countries and by transnational corporations. The US alone is responsible for a quarter of the world's greenhouse gas emissions (a third of them by producing energy) and just 122 corporations are responsible for 80% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions.

A growing chorus is calling attention to the asymmetry of costs and benefits of this setup. Both in the US and globally, it is precisely those people who are least responsible that are most at risk from the effects of climate change according to data from the Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative, a coalition of environmental justice groups.

Pollution-induced asthma and respiratory problems and deaths from heat waves already disproportionately affect people of color who are more likely to live in an area with poor air quality and twice as likely to be uninsured as whites. These disparities will only widen as air quality deteriorates and heat waves increase. As a changing climate makes many areas unlivable, it will be those who have enough money to relocate and have insurance who can best adapt to the changes. And as food prices rise due to declining agricultural production it is low-income people, who already must spend a large portion of their income on food, who will be hardest hit.

Energy and Environmental Justice

By Mike Ewall
Energy Justice Network

Nuclear Power

* Nuclear power disproportionately affects communities of color, from the mining of uranium on Native American lands, to the targeting of black and Hispanic communities for new uranium processing facilities to the targeting of Black, Hispanic and Native American communities for so-called "low-level" nuclear waste disposal sites. All of the sites proposed for "temporary" and permanent storage of high level nuclear waste (nuclear reactor fuel rods) have been Native American lands.
* Nuclear reactors pollute, releasing radioactive pollution to the air and water, in addition to the solid wastes they produce. Much of the radiation lasts for generations, some for millions of years.
* Radioactive waste from uranium production has been used as "depleted uranium" ammunition in wars around the world, contaminating Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia and Vieques, Puerto Rico.
* Nuclear power isn't a solution to global warming. In 2001, 93% of the nation's reported emissions of CFC-114, a potent greenhouse gas, were released from the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, where nuclear reactor fuel is produced. These facilities are so energy intensive that some of the nation's dirty, old coal plants exist just to power the nuclear fuel facilities.
* New nuclear power reactors are being proposed in the U.S., including an experimental one specially designed to produce hydrogen. One of the three new nukes is planned for Claiborne County, Mississippi, a county which is 82% African-American.

Coal

* About 100 new coal plants are proposed in the U.S., including some plans for new coal-to-oil refineries, to produce coal-based liquid fuels for vehicles as well as hydrogen.
* Coal plants disproportionately affect African-American communities. 68% of African-Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant – the distance within which the maximum effects of the smokestack plume are expected to occur. By comparison, about 56% of the white population lives within 30 miles of these plants.
* Coal mining destroys low-income rural communities in Appalachia, where mountains are dismantled and valleys are being filled with coal waste. Native American communities in the southwest are also being exploited for their coal by genocidal government policies and corporate abuses.

Oil & Gas

* Wars have been fought against people of color in Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia and many other countries in order to control the oil and gas resources in their region.
* In the U.S., our Great Lakes, our public forests, the Rocky Mountains, our off-shore areas, and pristine lands such as Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve are under assault by oil and gas corporations.
* New gas pipelines have been proposed around the nation, including a new gas pipeline to bring Alaskan natural gas to the lower 48 states.
* In recent years, hundreds of gas-fired power plants have been proposed. Many have been defeated by local opposition. Many which were built were constructed in poor or minority communities.

"Biomass" Incineration

* Incinerators to burn trash, tires, sewage sludge, animal wastes, construction/demolition wood wastes, paper and lumber mill wastes, trees, crops and toxic landfill gases have been described as "biomass" – masquerading as some sort of "renewable" energy, regardless of the major environmental hazards posed by these burners.
* Many incinerators have been located in low-income or minority communities. Their pollution accumulates in places where minority populations are disproportionately affected. Mercury pollution contaminates fish, which low-income and minority people consume more than other Americans. Dioxins in the U.S. migrate to the Canadian Arctic, where the highest levels of dioxins in breast milk have been found in the Native Americans who subsist on a dioxin-contaminated food chain.

Hydroelectric

* Hydroelectric dams proposed in Canada would flood out large areas, displacing Native Americans from their traditional lands.
* Dams can cause methane, a greenhouse gas, to be released when vegetation is flooded. They can also help liberate naturally-occurring mercury in the ground, enabling it to contaminate fish.

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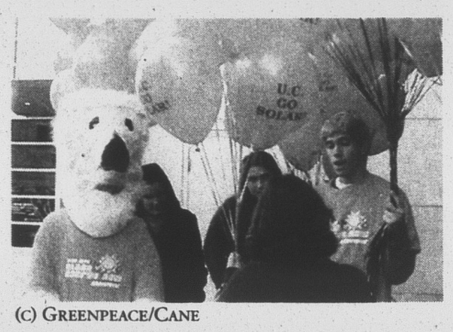

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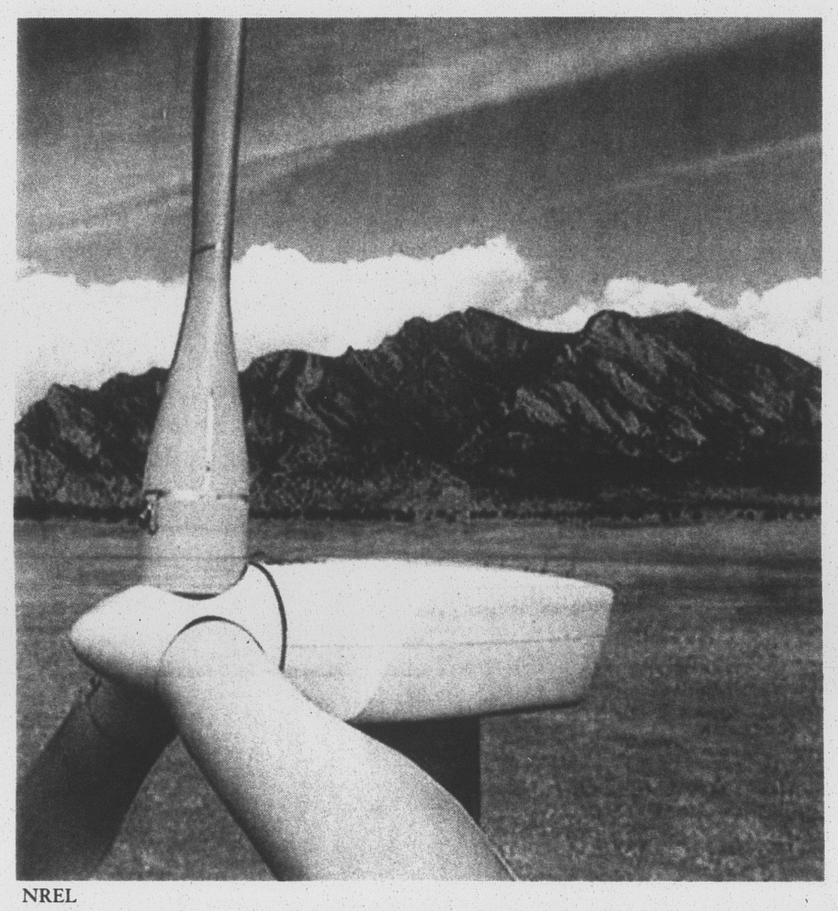
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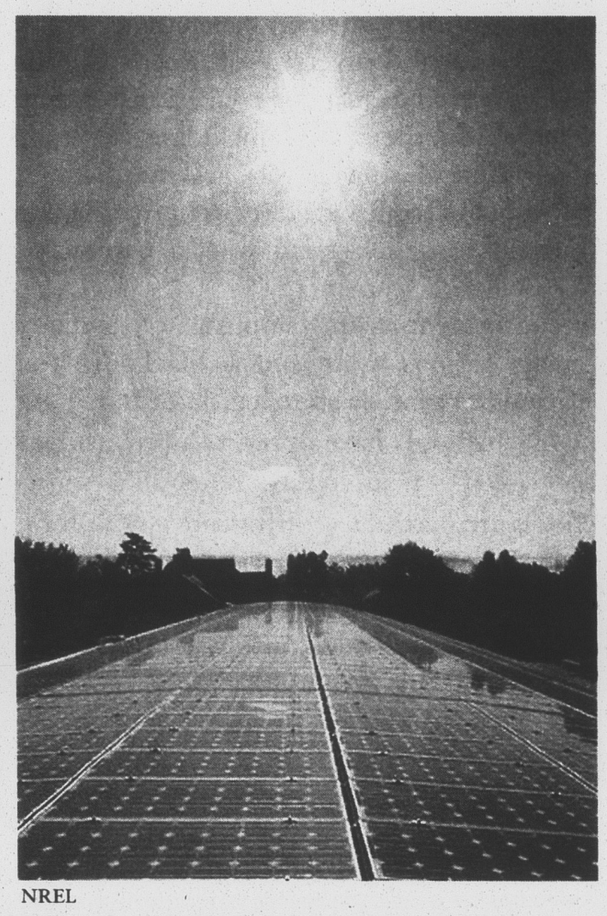
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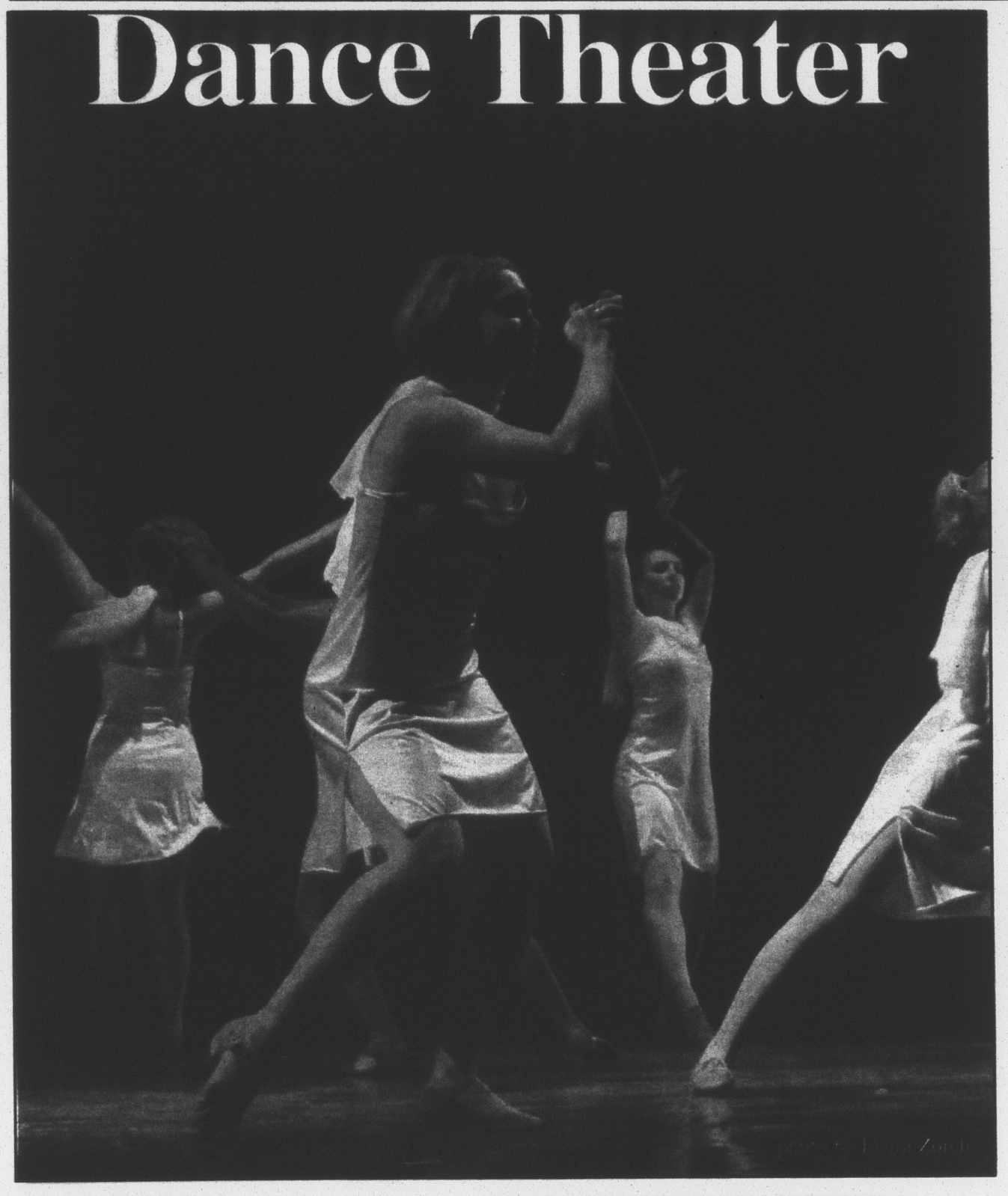

by Laura Zorch
Staff Writer

"Dawn of Dance: A Kaleidoscope of Color" was presented in Orr Auditorium on Thursday night, and will feature two more performances on Friday at 8 p.m. and on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Once the curtains were swept back, the dancers began to groove. Dancing to songs that represented a specific color, each class danced separately. The opener culminated with the entire company rocking to a punk "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Judging by their creative interpretation of the classic Wizard of Oz theme, it was clear the dancers were not in Kansas anymore

The performance bopped along showcasing a number of dance styles. Each dance looked sharp and effortless. One can only begin to imagine the time and dedication it took from each performer to prepare.

Though the dancers are exhausted from months of intense rehearsal, excitement still leapt from each dancer on stage.

"It is a privilege to be in the show, the numbers are amazing and we have so much fun!" said dancer Tandi Lane. "Boy, can we shake it!"

And shake it they did. Along with the dancing, the technical aspects became an art form as well, as the lights and sound drew in the audience.

"The stage crew has done an amazing job with the sound and lighting. They've really kicked it up a notch," said choreographer Pat Sandora.

The combination of the behind the scenes work and the on-stage magic made for a wonderful display.

All the hard work created a strong sense of appreciation amongst the group.

"Every single person in the show is important and every one puts something special into the show, " dancer Jenna Shaw said.

Dance Theater President Tara Timpano agrees with Shaw.

"Everyone is so great, and there is a star shining in every one of them."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Galbreath sanitation called into question

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

A lot goes through a student's mind the week before spring break: midterms, papers, and deadlines for anything from community service contracts to internship resumes. One thing students don't usually start worrying about is an appointment with their dermatologist.

Sophomore Colleen Byrnes, a resident of Galbreath, became an exception. She woke up one morning a week before spring break to discover a series of bite marks on her body. A visit to the dermatologist concluded that these marks came from ticks that commonly live on rodents.

"The bites were from a tick that were on a rodent that is most likely in the building," Colleen said.

Three other residents on her hall also contracted the bite marks that week, according to Byrnes. Her theory is that a rodent is potentially living somewhere in Galbreath.

No search for the mystery rodent has been conclusive, but several residents on Byrnes's floor are suspicious of Galbreath's cleanliness. One possible culprit, they claimed, might have been the trash rooms in Galbreath, which according to Byrnes, smell like "something dead."

However, Custodial Supervisor Ron Pennington said that trash is emptied daily and taken down to the compactor, far from Galbreath.

The tiles were still pulled up and the area searched for any potential odor-causing residue, Byrnes said. Nothing was discovered.

Pennington is disappointed, though, that he received no complaint from students about the tick incident. Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner said that complaints must be made so that the Plant is aware of problems.

Wagner also said the school has a contract with Ehrlich, a vermin and pest removal company that arrives on campus once a month to fill work orders and is available for emergencies. Students who have pest or vermin problems should complain to their RAs or the Physical Plant.

But the entire incident has once again sparked complaints from Galbreath residents concerning the cleanliness of their building.

Complaints about Galbreath's cleanliness and sanitation culminated earlier this semester when the Physical Plant organized a meeting of Galbreath residents on Feb. 10. "The lobby was nearly full," Pennington said. "Probably 40 to 50 girls came to express their concerns."

The meeting focused on two issues: cleanliness of the building, and the problem of water puddles in Galbreath bathrooms.

The ponding of water on Galbreath floors is likely a result of floor drains being higher than certain sections of floor, Pennington said. Repairs will be difficult and complex, and it has been decided to wait until this summer to do the necessary work.

Galbreath's cleanliness was the other issue at hand, and Pennington spoke with the custodian and did inspections. "The largest gap in expectation versus reality was frequency in cleaning duties," he said.

For instance, Pennington said custodians are supposed to empty trash once per day, sweep three times per week, and clean showers once per week. In order for the trash to be perpetually empty or for the showers to be scrubbed several times, more custodians would be required.

Many Galbreath residents are unhappy with that conclusion. Byrnes estimates that at 30 showers per day, there are over 200 showers per week in a Galbreath bathroom.

But Pennington did address issues of what he called "detail work," and he went over a point-by-point instruction with Galbreath's custodian concerning issues such as spots on light fixtures, corners, hair in drains and other directions for covering all areas.

And after the Feb. 10 meeting, Pennington received no more complaints.

Byrnes agreed that for a short period of time after the meeting the cleanliness of Galbreath did seem to improve marginally. She also said, though, that this improvement did not appear to last.

On March 5, another member of Byrnes' hall, became violently ill. She'd contracted a very specific virus, and vomited in one of Galbreath's bathrooms. The residue remained on the floor for several days, un-cleaned.

Wagner, who received no report of the incident from students, said that the likely reason for a non-cleaned residue is that March 5 is a Friday. Custodians only work a 4-hour shift on Saturdays, and are only asked to check bathrooms and cannot be expected to spend more than a few minutes on any given fixture. Sundays they have off.

This problem, though, was only exacerbated when another resident contracted an illness with the same symptoms several days later.

While Byrnes and another Galbreath resident, sophomore Heather Storm, both felt the Physical Plant had been very receptive and helpful, their complaints fell mostly upon the efficiency of Galbreath's custodian. "Every time I visit friends at Hillside or Ferg, their bathrooms are perfectly clean," Storm said. "I feel comfortable and it's sanitary."

Sophomore Katie Huber said that custodians in other residence halls are also not a problem. According to Huber, after an incident of sickness in Shaw, the custodian bleached down the entire bathroom in order to disinfect it.

One problem, some residents feel, may be that Galbreath does not have a veteran custodian. Other custodians who have been around for a long time seem to be more efficient on occasional incidents when they clean Galbreath, according to Byrnes.

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Residents complain about uncleanliness of Galbreath

Pennington, though, has been working closely with Galbreath's custodian and has conducted regular inspections since the Feb. 10 meeting. Pennington said that the cleaning of Galbreath has, "in my mind, from a critical eye, improved dramatically."

At the Feb. 10 meeting, Pennington said he made sure to leave an "open door" policy to residents. Typically complaints go through Residence Directors first in order to minimize confusion, but Pennington said that he does not make those channels mandatory, and added, "my office door is always open. Call me."

The Physical Plant is currently in the process of arranging another meeting to discuss new issues that had been un-reported until now.

Sigma Nu fraternity closes doors to weekend visitors

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

Recent troubles at the Sigma Nu fraternity house have now prompted the frat to close its doors to visitors. Sigma Nu reopened its house earlier this year, after serving out a yearlong suspension.

Sigma Nu President Anthony Griffith said that, "the main reason is because our nationals put us on probation for the actions that occurred last spring. The probation included no alcohol at the house. "

The school was not responsible for this probation, according to Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner.

"Sigma Nu has been alcohol free for at least two years now. Their national headquarters has a policy that ties alcohol in the house to the fraternity GPA. The local chapter's GPA has been below their nationals' mandated standard, and is still declining. Therefore nationals, not the college, banned alcohol at the chapter," Lechner said.

"On March 7, it was reported that Sigma Nu had an unregistered party with alcohol at the event. The school notified nationals of this incident and our nationals is now investigating what exactly happened on the night of the party," said Griffith.

"Nationals is examining a recent incident where a young lady was hospitalized for alcohol poisoning and she allegedly drank some of it at Sigma Nu," said Lechner. "The school did notify nationals of the alcohol incident because it was not an issue that the school could deal with because it was not a violation of college policy. It was a violation of Sigma Nu national policy."

"Westminster is investigating a subsequent incident where the fraternity held a party on an evening when they had notified the college that they would be closed," said Lechner. "Neighbors complained of loud noise and the police arrived and discovered a large crowd and plenty of alcohol. The college is not dealing with the issue of alcohol in the house, because we did not institute that policy, but rather with the violations of fraternity party regulations as found on page 29 and 30 of the Handbook for Students."

Sigma Nu went before the Greek Judicial Review Board on Thursday because of the complaints about unregistered parties this semester.

"A Greek Judicial Board is similar to a regular Judicial Board except that it hears allegations against fraternities and sororities instead of individuals. It is comprised of three faculty members and the presidents of IFC & Panhel," said Lechner.

"In the best interest of Sigma Nu, we chose to eliminate any and all social events at the house for the remainder of the semester in hopes to start from a clean slate in the fall. Also, we felt that with our philanthropy, Kickin' it with Sig Nu, right around the corner, we do not need any distractions," said Griffith.

Sigma Nu wasn't alone when went before the board on Thursday, Sigma Phi Epsilon also had a hearing. Sigma Phi Epsilon will before the judicial review board involving underage drinking complaints at its house this semester, and faced two charges on two different violations of the Greek Code of Conduct.

Other alcohol and party issues in the fraternal community include Phi Kappa Tau which is closed to parties this semester for an alcohol related issue that happened last semester. They will be permitted to have one event between now and one the end of the semester.

Theta Chi is also now dry, as a matter of National Policy that is, once again, tied to GPA.

Alpha Psi presents 7th annual One-Act Festival

by Andrea Thompson
Campus Writer

On Saturday, March 24, the One-Act Festival was held in McKelvey Club Room on behalf of Alpha Psi Omega.

The One-Act Festival is student-performed, as well as student-directed. All of the acts are specifically student oriented and offers a chance for those involved in the theatre program to work with their peers.

Junior theatre major Bob Allen, who had directed two of the one-acts, feels that this has been a great opportunity for him as well as all the students involved in the theatre program.

"I was very excited to be able to use this as an outlet to put my own work and writing out there. The one-acts also serve as a great educational opportunity, not only for the actors but the directors as well," Allen said. "The one-acts are all student run from the lighting, designer all the way to the directors, and the shows always have a wide range of diversity in their content."

More than 30 students participated in the One-Act Festival this year.

One of the newer faces on stage this year was first-year Sarah Timm who was involved in a play called Power Struggle.

"It was different to act in Power Struggle, because it was written entirely by Bob Allen," she said. "My acting partner, Josh Storey, and I were creating these characters with Bob's help, as they would be seen by an audience for the first time ever."

The one-acts this year were a success according to junior Tom Oyer, who directed a one-act and acted in another.

"It was a great experience being a director for the first time, and my cast was just wonderful to work with," he said. "It was a great success overall with all of the shows."

The One-Act Festival will be back next year for its eighth annual performance with another wide arrange of acts, more new faces and more creative ability.

Storey is sad this was his first and last year to participate in the festival. "I never realized how much fun acting on stage would be."

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students perform in Tom Oyer's "And the Winner Is..."

Students react toWeb site changes and e-mail failure

by Carolyn Miller
Staff Writer

Electronics have been known to shock people, but not the way they shocked Westminster's campus last week.

When students returned from Spring Break, they found a whole new Web site awaiting them, followed by e-mail server problems only a few days later.

The Web site change comes as a surprise to most students, as it had been the same design since 2000. The old sidebar and large front image have now been replaced with a more efficient, streamlined look.

The front page still features a picture of the campus, but is smaller and allows faster page loading time.

In addition to the new streamlined effects of the site, current campus news and information are displayed on the front page. Visitors to the site can now find information more quickly than before.

The new Web site design is based on input from research sources such as Web usage statistics, admitted student questionnaire data, and user comments.

The tagline "A Place to Call Home" at the top of the new page was chosen based on the results of a recent survey of 646 prospective Westminster students.

Still, many people liked the old Web site just fine.

"It was straightforward and to the point, easily navigable...and it looked pretty, too," said sophomore Heather Evakich. "The new page is much more complicated to navigate than it was before...not only that, but it doesn't really look as nice, either."

Senior Erin Halpin finds herself relatively unconcerned about the new site.

"I'm not too crazy about the new webpage, but I am a senior," said Halpin. "I don't have to deal with it for very long."

With the controversy over the Web site in full swing, the next obstacle for the students to deal with was last Friday's e-mail outage.

Students received a voice mail message from Network Manager Kelly Hartner, explaining that the student e-mail server was down and would not be up until Saturday.

"My general understanding is that student were not happy that it was down," said Hartner. "But most were understanding that these types of things happen from time to time."

The computer part that went bad was the array controller card in the student e-mail server. This card is responsible for spreading the data between two or more hard drives. Since the card itself failed, no data could be written to or from the drives. The computer itself was unable to perform any of its normal functions, including the processing of email.

The replacement card ended up arriving a day early, and the students were once again able to access their e-mail.

Still, the damage had been done. Many students and teachers rely on the campus e-mail to assign homework and turn in assignments.

Sophomore Heather Storm was stuck without e-mail access at a crucial moment.

"That afternoon I had an internship interview," said Storm. "I was making a cover letter and all the address info was in my email, and I couldn't get to it."

With all the activity involving the computer systems, many students may be annoyed by downtimes and the new site. These sorts of issues, however, happen often when it comes to computers.

"It was a major inconvenience to a lot of people I know," said Halpin. "But I understand that things go wrong with computers."

Red Cross' inefficient blood drive frustrates patient donors

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

In only 12 hours, the Westminster community donated 146 units of blood at the American Red Cross blood drives held Oct. 23 and March 2. During the two days, 216 people scheduled to give blood, 54 of which were first-time donors.

Despite the number of units collected, drive operations were not as smooth as past years, however. Unorganized and understaffed American Red Cross representatives had difficulty keeping on schedule.

"They didn't start on time and the first hour from 12 to 1 o'clock hour is critical," said Camille Hawthorne Associate Dean of Student Affairs and past event planner. "Students complained of grumpy nurses and donors were taken out of order."

A typical donation time from registration to enjoying the cookies and juice takes about 75 minutes. At this drive, some donors were waiting an additional 45 minutes to even begin the screening process.

"I didn't realize there would such a long wait. But, I didn't mind waiting because I was thinking of the lives I was saving," said junior Kara Moximchalk. "What are a few hours of time when you are helping out those who need it?"

The American Red Cross has a very thorough screening process to determine if a donor is eligible to give. With the spread of HIV, mad cow disease, and Hepatitis A, the Red Cross has been forced to institute an even more thorough screening than in previous years. While this process is necessary it is also time-consuming.

Common reasons for a donor to be turned away include illness, high blood pressure, and anemia.

"In the future, we hope that the Red Cross will be able to screen participants before the actual drive," said Hawthorne. "The process takes up very valuable time on donation days and frequently throws off the schedule."

Red Cross workers had to be trained on the new computer system last fall and it caused delays at the November drive. While most computer glitches were worked out for this event, the nurses used new blood bags that caused more confusion and delays.

"These long waits often give student more time to become nervous. They watch others donate and may second guess their decision to give," said Beth Brooks, Executive Secretary and this year's project coordinator.

Expectations also increase each year. "It's not that the American Red Cross puts pressure on us so much," said Brooks. During last year's two blood drives, 210 people scheduled to donate, 166 units were collected, and 33 people were first-time donors.

"I want to do the best job I can and have Westminster be well represented. This is more difficult though when we do our end of the planning and the Red Cross doesn't do their end," said Brooks.

Event planners are already considering new ways to operate the screening and registration processes for next year. "Our faculty, staff, and students are very busy and committed people," said Brooks. "They don't have time to sit and wait an hour for their turn to donate."

Also an issue causing a delay is the hourly change in student volunteers. At some donation sites, American Red Cross workers are on hand throughout the day to maintain operations. Here, students from the Panhellenic Council volunteer to assist with registration and the canteen. In the future, the planners hope that Red Cross volunteers will be able to complete all registrations and students can continue to assist with the canteen.

"It always amazes me the patience of people," said Brooks. "The thing that makes me want to keep planning these drives is the giving and caring people at Westminster."

Planning is already beginning for next year's blood drive. "It's Murphy's Law and we just keep plugging along," said Brooks.

Alumna author well-liked by campus

by Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 31, Alumna Diana Joseph returned to campus to share her work with students and faculty, as well as answer questions.

The reading, beginning at 7 p.m., was held in the McKelvey student lounge. Joseph, who had spoken in an on-campus English class earlier in the day, drew in a large audience. Joseph presented two short stories, each was an original work. The first story, entitled "Learn to Play the Harmonica in Seven Easy Lessons," was about a man and a woman who were in the final days of their marriage. The second story was entitled "Sick Child," and was an in depth look at the woman from the first story as she attempted to get her son, suffering from a bad cough that kept mother and son awake all night, to sleep. Students responded very positively to Joseph's reading.

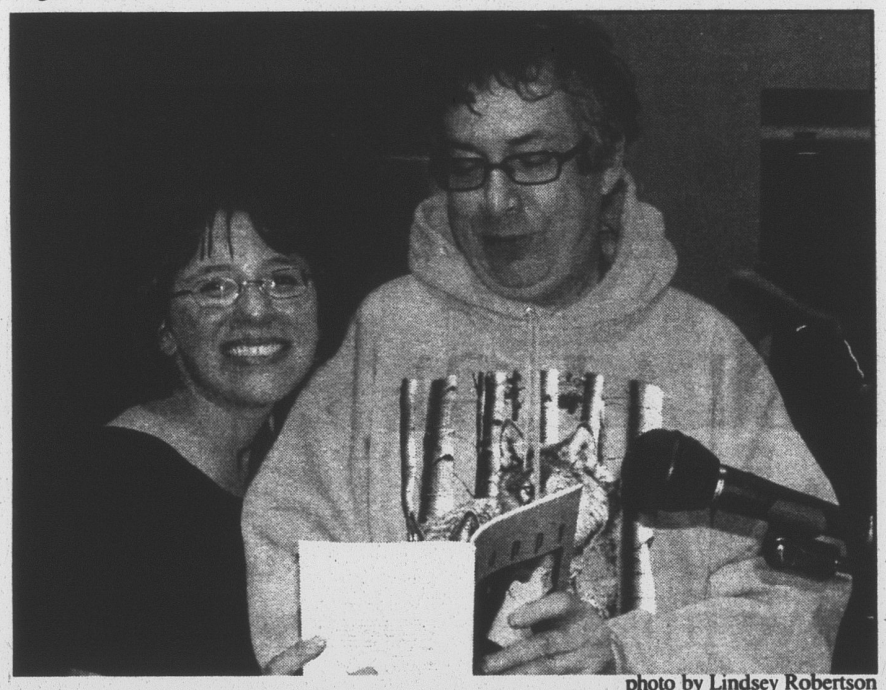

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Diana Joseph with her former professor, William "Doc" McTaggart

"I'm excited to read more because I really liked her style," Junior Angela Pontorero said. "I can't wait to get the book."

Joseph is a 1992 alumna. In 1996 she got her MFA in writing from Syracuse University. She has written the book Happy or Otherwise, and is currently a teacher at Mesa State College in Colorado. Joseph remembers her years at the campus fondly, and above all else, stresses how much the campus staff helped her.

"Dr. Horn is my main man," Joseph said. "And David Swerdlow was important to me in helping me to understand I could be a writer."

After the reading, Joseph held a question and answer session, in which she discussed the inspiration for some of her ideas, the setting for some of her tales, and her preference for writing sort stories, as opposed to longer novels. At the conclusion of her reading and answering, Joseph held a signing of her new book, Happy or Otherwise.

While Joseph may have fond remembrance of some of her professors, some professors have a fond remembrance of her.

"She was wonderful," Dr. Elizabeth Ford said. "I knew Diana twelve years ago when she was a student, and they were fantastic stories then!"

Joseph says she has known that she wanted be a writer, ever since she learned how to write in elementary school.

Happy or Otherwise was published in March of 2003, and is available for purchase through several online dealers, including www.amazon.com.

Pre-Law Association travels to DC

by Russell Mills
Staff Writer

On March 29, 18 students were given the unique experience to sit-in on a case at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C.

The three day trip that included the visit to the Supreme Court as well as a visit to the United States Capitol was sponsored by the pre-law association and chaperoned by pre-law advisor and associate professor of political science Dr. Ed Cohen. On Saturday, students were free to explore the city and see all the monuments that Washington, D.C. has to offer.

"My favorite part of the trip was being able to walk up to the White House fence," junior Greg Smith said. "When I went to Washington, D.C. in January it was restricted because of the heightened terror alert."

On Sunday, many students went shopping in the trendy stores in Georgetown or spent the day going to one of the many museums in the nation's capital.

"I really enjoyed going to the Holocaust Museum on Sunday," junior Andrea Ceplecci said. "Also, going to dinner in Alexandria, Virginia was incredible."

On Monday, the group woke up at 5:30 a.m. to go to the Supreme Court and stand in line to hopefully get in to see the case. Tickets to the Supreme Court are difficult to get, so many groups wait in lines outside the court early. The group was able to get in the court to see the case Norton v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance which dealt with the ability of the courts to step under the Administrative Procedure Act and regulate government agencies who delay agency action.

"The Supreme Court case was my favorite part of the trip," senior Gwen Kennedy said. "It was my favorite part of the trip because I love Associate Justice Antonin Scalia."

After the hearing the case, the group then moved to the Capitol where they went on a staff-led tour of the historic building. The tour, organized through U.S. Representative Melissa Hart's office, gave students a unique look at the way the government operates.

"The tour of the Capitol focused more on the symbolic aspects of the legislative process," Cohen said. "The group got to see the ceremony of opening a session of the House of Representatives, with the gavel, the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance."

The second annual trip was a success. It provided students with an opportunity to see how our government operates. A few students even made plans for their futures by interviewing for internships while in Washington, D.C.

"I would encourage any student interested in law or in American politics more generally, to take this trip in the future," Cohen said.

photo by Russ Mills
Faculty and students tour the Capitol with US Representative Melissa Hart.

Shamrock 'n Roll to raise money for KD philanthropies

by Courtney Turek
Campus Writer

On Friday night, Westminster's McKelvey Center rocked as bands Further Down and Buzz Poets performed in the Club Room.

In order to raise money for their local and national philanthropies, sorority Kappa Delta, sponsored the concert. Rachel Varine, Kappa Delta Shamrock Chair, organized the event.

"I came up with the idea because I thought it would be fun-people like bands. I went out on a limb and contacted Buzz Poets and surprisingly they agreed to do it," she said.

The Campus Programming Council helped pay for the Buzz Poets to perform.

"We wouldn't have gotten this off the ground without CPC's contribution," Varine said.

Further Down, with senior Andy Pazul on keyboard, opened the show at 7:30pm. They played original songs as well as a few cover songs from other bands.

"They were surprisingly good," said freshman Nick Adams.

Further Down's mid-tempo, hard rock music filled the Club Room for over an hour.

"I'm glad everybody could finally come and see our band," Pazul said. "We've played here 3 or 4 times before, but this was definitely the best time."

Further Down will be performing at Slippery Rock on March 31 and at the Hard Rock Café in Pittsburgh on April 4. Their CD, Disillusioned, was released on March 20. For more information about the band and future concerts, visit www.furtherdown.net.

After a short set change, Buzz Poets took the stage at 9pm.

"They're a really popular band in Pittsburgh, so we're so excited they agreed to play here at Westminster," Varine said.

Buzz Poets' energy and playfulness spread throughout the crowd while they performed.

"They're really good on stage-really good performers," said junior Tanner Larson.

Buzz Poets interacted with the audience during and after the concert. Students were impressed with their variety of music styles.

"They were awesome. I'm definitely going to buy their CD," said freshman Amanda Petrovich.

Bass guitarist, Tim Gaber, described Buzz Poets' music. "It's really hard to explain. We're a mix of everything that we like to play and listen to."

Buzz Poets has several future concerts scheduled in the Pittsburgh area. For more information about the band, performances, or CD purchases, visit www.buzzpoets.com.

The brothers of Sigma Nu volunteered as security during the show.

"We want to help out the Westminster community and get out and show we're nice guys," said Sigma Nu President Tony Griffith. "The Kappa Delta's are great girls. I hope to do more events with them."

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Ohio to put 11th man to death since state resumed executions in 1999

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) A man to be executed Tuesday did not have a thorough defense during his trial for the 1982 murder of a Columbus couple whose dismembered remains were never found, his attorney said.

Prosecutors say William Wickline directed his defense every step of the way.

Wickline's scheduled execution by injection at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility would be the 11th death sentence carried out since Ohio resumed executions in 1999.

Wickline, 52, slept about five hours Monday night and visited with his attorneys and two brothers early Tuesday, said Andrea Dean, spokeswoman for the state prison system. She said Wickline showered and shaved, and had two cups of coffee and Rice Krispies cereal. He then read the Bible and prayed.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to block Wickline's execution. His attorneys argued that his trial lawyers did not try to seek information that could persuade judges to impose life imprisonment instead of death.

The appeal was based on a Supreme Court decision last year saying defense attorneys don't need their client's cooperation to conduct such investigations. The court turned down Wickline's appeal without comment.

A three-judge panel in 1985 convicted Wickline of killing Christopher and Peggy Lerch in his Columbus apartment. The Franklin County Common Pleas judges sentenced him to life in prison for Christopher Lerch's murder and to death for the slaying of Mrs. Lerch because she was killed to cover up another crime.

The couple from Blendon Township north of Columbus were last seen in August 1982.

Wickline has denied killing the couple, portraying the primary witness against him as a jealous, spurned lover who invented a tale to keep custody of her then-infant son after admitting drug use to authorities.

In Wickline's motion to stop the execution, lawyer David Stebbins argued that Wickline's lawyers did not investigate Wickline's past during the penalty phase of his trial in an attempt to avoid a death sentence.

However, the state argued that Wickline was deeply involved in his case, said Kim Norris, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Jim Petro. "He clearly was directing and in control of his defense," she said.

Stebbins and attorney Byron Vickery, at the prison on Tuesday, said they would not talk to reporters, Dean said.

Wickline was moved from death row at the Mansfield Correctional Institution on Monday morning. He spent most of the day talking on the phone to his brother, David Wickline of Columbus, or chatting with members of the execution team, prisons spokeswoman Andrea Dean said.

Nursing home death causes heads of organization to be brought to trial

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. (AP) The head of a now-defunct suburban Pittsburgh nursing home where an elderly Alzheimer's patient died after wandering outside in the cold has been ordered to stand trial in the woman's death and an alleged cover-up.

Martha Fenchak-Bell, 57, of West Mifflin, was held for trial Monday on charges of involuntary manslaughter, neglect of a care-dependent person, conspiracy and reckless endangerment in the Oct. 26, 2001, death of Mabel Taylor at the Ronald Reagan Atrium I Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Robinson District Justice Carla Swearingen also ordered the nonprofit that owns the home - the Alzheimer's Disease Alliance of Western Pennsylvania - to be tried on involuntary manslaughter and neglect of a care-dependent person charges. Fenchak-Bell is president of the nonprofit.

Prosecutors allege Bell and a supervisor at the home conspired to cover up the death of Taylor, who wandered outside, fell down and died of a combination of heart failure and exposure. Investigators believe Taylor, 88, walked out a door that was propped open or where the alarm deactivated so workers could go outside and smoke.

Prosecutors claim that Fenchak-Bell endangered patients' safety because the home was short-staffed. After Taylor's death, prosecutors claim Fenchak-Bell ordered a supervisor to have Taylor's body carried back into the home and to doctor records to make it appear Taylor died in her sleep.

"The defendant knew exactly what could happen to Alzheimer's patients," said Allegheny County prosecutor Tom Merrick.

Fenchak-Bell's attorney, Alexander Lindsay, argued that neither the home nor his client should be held responsible for Taylor's death because there was no way to know Taylor would wander outside.

The supervisor, Kathryn Galati, is awaiting trial on perjury and false swearing for allegedly lying at a hearing and conspiracy and tampering with evidence in the alleged cover-up.

The criminal charges were the last in a series of problems at the now-defunct home.

In July, the Pennsylvania Department of Health fined the home $12,000 and placed it on a provisional license after officials said a May inspection turned up evidence of patients falling, losing weight and wandering around unsupervised. The nursing home had been cited for problems over the last four years.

In October, Fenchak-Bell and Galati were criminally charged, and the bank that owned the nursing home - Johnstown-based AmeriServ Financial Corp. - foreclosed on the property, citing $10 million in outstanding loans.

Regional Briefs

Highway sniper

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A relatively rare legal proceeding in the case of the highway shootings suspect could give prosecutors extra time to build their case.

Charles A. McCoy Jr. was to appear Tuesday at a preliminary hearing in Franklin County Municipal Court on a single charge of felonious assault in the Dec. 15 shooting of a house south of Columbus.

Authorities say McCoy is a suspect in all 24 shootings around the Columbus area since May, including one in November that killed a woman.

Preliminary hearings are rarely used in large counties like Franklin, where a grand jury meets every day and issues 7,000 indictments a year.

Prosecutor Ron O'Brien says a preliminary hearing could provide extra time to push for additional charges against McCoy.

If a judge decides prosecutors have shown probable cause to proceed, they would have another 60 days to present evidence to a grand jury considering other charges related to the shootings.

Subpoenas were issued for McCoy's parents to appear at Tuesday's hearing, and other subpoenas have been issued for witnesses to testify before the grand jury after Tuesday.

Baby tests positive for pot

NORWALK, Ohio (AP) The parents of a 1-year-old boy who tested positive for marijuana have been charged with child endangering.

Chandra Nopper, 28, and Christopher Pool, 21, were arrested Monday following a Huron County Juvenile Court hearing in which their son was placed into the custody of his maternal grandparents.

According to testimony, the grandparents were baby-sitting the child on March 26 when they noticed he was unusually quiet and his eyes appeared abnormal.

When the boy was removed from a high chair, he staggered and fell to the floor while attempting to walk.

The grandparents took him to a hospital emergency room where he tested positive for THC, a component of marijuana, said court Administrator Chris Mushett.

"It's unknown at this time if he ingested it, inhaled it or what," said Huron County Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Sallerson.

Norwalk is 51 miles west of Cleveland.

County police budget cuts

PITTSBURGH (AP) In a cost-cutting move, the Allegheny County Police Department cut in half the number of employees who can take home county cars.

Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt took cars away from 38 of 75 employees since taking office in February.

Officials are also reviewing which employees should have county-issued cell phones or beepers, said county Manager Jim Flynn.

Employees who take home county cars pay $3 a day and pay mileage for their drives between work and home. About 140 county government employees previously had cars they could take home.

Flynn himself has given up the keys to a 1994 Pontiac Bonneville assigned to him, giving them to another official who travels more.

Nurse charged with homicide

EASTON, Pennsylvania (AP) A nurse who claims to have killed as many as 40 patients over 16 years was charged in the death of a 78-year-old patient in Pennsylvania.

Charles Cullen was charged Monday with criminal homicide in the 1998 death of a retired steel worker who died from an overdose of heart medication three days after being admitted to Easton Hospital for treatment of seizures.

Cullen, who is also charged in the deaths of two patients at a hospital in New Jersey, worked the night shift two of the three days Ottomar Schramm was at the medical center.

Schramm's daughter, Kristina Toth, said she remembers a male nurse giving her father a shot, then trying to talk her out of asking for an autopsy after his death. She said Monday that she can't be sure if it was Cullen who spoke to her, but prosecutor John Morganelli said there was only one other male nurse in the unit.

Cullen's lawyer, Johnnie Mask, declined to comment. Easton Hospital officials did not immediately return a phone message.

According to New Jersey prosecutors, Cullen has admitted killing 30 to 40 severely ill patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey since 1987 by injecting them with drugs.

Morganelli said Cullen has not implicated himself in Schramm's death.

Substance prompts evacuation

KITTANNING, Pa. (AP) Two envelopes filled with white powder prompted the evacuation and decontamination of more than six dozen employees at a western Pennsylvania courthouse on Monday.

Authorities said the envelopes were delivered to the Armstrong County District Attorney's office and a judge Monday morning. After one of the envelopes was opened and the white powder was found, authorities evacuated the courthouse, about 30 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, as a precaution.

According to initial reports, there were as many as 75 people in the courthouse when the powder was found. All of them were washed at the courthouse and then taken to a hospital for further decontamination.

Authorities said none of the people in the building showed any symptoms.

NATIONAL

Mother kills two of her childern and severly injures third, blames insanity

TYLER, Texas (AP) When Keith Laney found his wife standing over their 14-month-old son Aaron's crib on Mother's Day weekend, she told him everything was fine. He assumed Deanna Laney was changing the crying toddler's diaper.

Prosecutors told a jury of eight men and four women on Monday that Deanna Laney was hammering away at Aaron with a 41/2-pound rock she had placed beneath the crib and then went on to bludgeon her two older sons to death.

The 39-year-old stay-at-home mother has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to two counts of capital murder in the deaths of 8-year-old Joshua and 6-year-old Luke and serious injury to a child for the beating of Aaron, now 2.

Defense attorney F.R. "Buck" Files Jr., told jurors that Laney was overcome by psychotic delusions of what she believed was God's voice telling her to kill her children.

"Does she follow what she believes to be God's will or does she turn her back on her God?" Files asked the jury about the woman who had 14 Bibles in her living room.

Laney wept and shook her head, sometimes burying her face in a tissue, as she listened to testimony and as prosecutors showed gruesome crime scene photos of the children. Testimony continues Tuesday.

Prosecutors are trying to convince jurors that Laney knew right from wrong when she killed her children, despite opinions from two psychiatric experts for the defense, two for the prosecution and one for the judge that say Laney was legally insane.

"The issue of sanity is tried in the court, not the hospitals," Smith County District Attorney Matt Bingham told the jury, reminding them that expert opinions aren't fact and that they should consider all other evidence in the case.

"The evidence will show you that the last thing Josh and Luke Laney ever saw was their mom with a rock over their head and the last thing they ever felt was that rock crashing over their head," Bingham said.

Laney called 911 after midnight May 10 and told a dispatcher, "I just killed my boys."

Bingham said Laney attacked the baby first. When he began crying, Laney's husband woke up and found his wife standing over the baby.

"Everything's OK," she told him.

He assumed his wife was changing a diaper and went back to bed. Laney then struck the baby again and after hearing a gurgling sound from the blood in Aaron's throat, she then covered him with a pillow and left the room, Bingham said.

"Aaron Laney will never be the same," Bingham said.

The boy's pediatric neurosurgeon testified that brain damage from the attack had impaired his vision and he will never live independently.

Bingham said Laney woke Luke up and led him out of the family's brick home in New Chapel Hill and asked him to put his head on a large rock. The child's skull was smashed with a large landscaping rock, which Laney pressed on his chest until he stopped breathing, Bingham said.

Joshua was next and obeyed when his mother told him to put his head against a large rock in the yard, but after Laney leveled a 16-pound rock into the 8-year-old's head, he struggled to get away, Bingham said. Laney placed her knees on top of his arms and beat him again.

Prosecutors played a tape of Laney's 911 call, in which her high, dainty voice calmly reported the killings, described the color of her house and directed authorities to her home.

"I just did what I had to do," Laney told the dispatcher.

Later in the tape, she appears to doubt whether she should have beaten the baby, saying "I don't think I did right by Aaron." She later says, "I don't think I was supposed to kill him."

Just before the killings, Files said, Laney had delusions of a child playing with a spear, squeezing a frog and throwing a rock. Rather than stab or strangle her children, Laney chose the rock as her weapon.

Prank turns serious when teens choose to burn crosses on minister's lawn

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) Police say two teenage cousins being held for investigation in a cross burning outside the home of a black pastor claimed it was a "prank" born of boredom rather than an act of hatred.

In a brief hearing Monday in Snohomish County Juvenile Court, Judge Gerald L. Knight set bail at $2,500 in cash for Jacob and Dane Miller, both 16, pending investigation of malicious harassment, a felony.

Defense lawyers Jay Carey and Kristin Timm asked that the pair be released to home detention, but Knight said no.

"This certainly isn't a prank," the judge said. "It's serious."

A decision on charges must be made by late Wednesday, deputy prosecutor Dave Kurtz said.

The Rev. Jason Martin, 28 and pastor at Jesus Is Lord Life Tabernacle in Marysville, woke up early last Wednesday to find firefighters dousing a flaming 3-by-5-foot cross on the front lawn of the family's home in Arlington, about 40 miles north of Seattle.

In documents submitted in court, town police wrote that the boys told investigators they deliberately drove over Martin's lawn the previous week, leaving deep ruts.

They decided to burn a cross because they were bored and wanted to play a prank on the pastor's 17-year-old son, whom they knew from Arlington High School and with whom one said he had had "a few minor run-ins."

It "was just a spur-of-the-moment (decision) ... just a prank. We didn't do it because we hated this kid," one of the cousins was quoted as saying.

Kurtz wasn't buying that.

"This is not a mere prank," the prosecutor said after the court hearing. "The boys deliberately chose a horrible symbol of hate ... a most serious crime, not only against Pastor Martin's family, but against the fabric of the community."

Neither of the cousins now attends the high school. One was suspended for refusing to remove racial slogans from a hat. They told police they believed some minority students received unfair special treatment in school.

"I'm fine with a lot of them," one told police. "I wouldn't say we're racist, just prejudice (sic). I hang out with colored people all the time."

Martin has said he hopes to talk to the boys, to tell them he forgives them and offer them guidance, if they're willing.

"I would like to help them spiritually, of course, to help them know that Jesus loves them, that he died for their sins, and that no one has not committed a sin," Martin said Sunday.

National briefs

Politician offers Beer for votes

LUDLOW, Ky. (AP) Police have charged a northern Kentucky man with trying to buy a vote with a 12-pack of beer.

Edward Lucas offered the beer to an 18-year-old student at Ludlow High School in exchange for a no vote on a proposed nickel increase in school property taxes, Ludlow police officer James Tucker said in an affidavit. The teen was not named.

Lucas, 40, denied the charge.

"I don't know the boy, and that's not exactly what was said," Lucas said. "I said, 'I hope it doesn't go through and if it doesn't, I'm going to have a big beer party.'"

Lucas was arrested Friday and released on bond Saturday.

Police dispute his version of the exchange, but declined to give specifics.

The tax increase was on the ballot Tuesday. It would generate about $75,000 a year for school construction projects.

Statue of Liberty reopens

NEW YORK (AP) The Statue of Liberty, closed immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, will reopen to the public this summer, Secretary of Interior Gail Norton said Tuesday.

"There's lots of construction to be done," to complete the upgrades to fire and emergency notification systems, Norton said in an interview on NBC's "Today." But she predicted that the statue would reopen in four months.

Screening procedures, much like those at airports, and a reservation system to reduce long lines will be implemented, Norton said.

She said after the upgrades are completed, the public will be allowed to climb the 354 steps to the statue's crown, or observation deck.

The 151-foot-high Statue of Liberty National Monument sits on a 58-acre island in New York Harbor.

The island was reopened in December 2001, after airport-type metal detectors were installed to screen visitors boarding the ferry from lower Manhattan. But the statue itself has remained closed.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg was scheduled Tuesday morning to make an official announcement about the statue's reopening.

Since the terrorist attacks, officials have said the number of visitors to Liberty Island have dropped by 40 percent.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, which is overseeing the upgrade project, reportedly has raised $5.9 million of the $7 million needed to complete the work.

INTERNATIONAL

Americans less fearful of terrorism, according to author

Surveys and opinion polls have shown terrorism subsiding as a major fear among Americans.

However, "Against All Enemies," the recently published and much-discussed book by Richard A. Clarke, former chief counterterrorism adviser to President Bush, rattles this popular sense of security and blames Bush for losing the first battles in the war on terror by invading Iraq and neglecting Afghanistan.

Clarke found himself at the center of a political storm after he publicly accused the Bush team of slighting his warnings before the Sept. 11 attacks and playing into the hands of al-Qaida recruiters by invading a toothless Iraq.

Clarke cannot simply be chalked up as the latest partisan hawking an attack book - the former counterterrorism "czar" served in senior roles to presidents of both parties, says he voted for Bush in 2000, and lobbied for attacks against Iraq in 1991 and 1993.

While some consider Clarke a shrill and disgruntled former adviser, his voice is credible to many because of his remarkable foresight: He was an early and persistent advocate for bombing al-Qaida training camps and for the arming of the Predator drone to kill Osama bin Laden, and his memos to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice are now famous for their alleged warnings about the looming terrorist threat.

There are several elements to Clarke's book, all varying in their degrees of insight: a brief yet informative history of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, a revealing synopsis of the terrorist attacks leading up to Sept. 11, a biting analysis of the Iraq war, and his own ambitious proposals to reform the war on terror. His account of the federal government's responses to the terrorist threat will educate both novices and seasoned students of foreign policy.

The most disturbing parts of the book involve the administration's focus on Iraq before and immediately after Sept. 11. Only hours after the World Trade Center collapsed, Clarke recalls, "Secretary Rumsfeld complained that there were no decent targets for bombing in Afghanistan and that we should consider bombing Iraq, which, he said, had better targets."

Clarke depicts Bush as bound to radical conservatives who wanted to see a new Iraq war. On the day after the attacks, Clarke says, Bush pressured him by saying, "See if Saddam did this. See if he's linked in any way."

Much of the controversy surrounding Clarke sprouted from his accusation that the Bush team de-prioritized the threat of terrorism compared to the Clinton administration. His evidence - a demotion prevents him from directly meeting with the top security officials to propose a military assault on al-Qaida, and several months pass before his ominous warnings are discussed by top officials - is disturbing, but it is comparable to the Clinton team's gross inability to find a way to use the nation's vast arsenal to attack terrorist training camps.

Though Clarke criticizes Clinton for not pressuring the military and CIA to create an acceptable plan to attack al-Qaida, the bulk of his criticism is targeted at the Bush administration for neglecting his calls and focusing on Iraq, which he sees as a counterproductive and unnecessary venture.

"Nothing America could have done would have provided al-Qaida and its new generation of cloned groups a better recruitment device than our unprovoked invasion of an oil-rich Arab country," Clarke asserts.

Clarke is clearly an informed voice on terrorism, but his suspense-filled writing style adds an unnerving tone to his book. Portions of it read like a bad Hollywood script ("I found my Secret Service-issued .357 sidearm, thrust it in my belt, and went back out into the night"). He may have been trying to captivate newcomers to these issues, but this recurring bravado certainly doesn't comfort those who prefer sober dispositions in their nation's leadership positions.

The book is also littered with intriguing nuggets of information about the war on terror: a detailed look into the Situation Room on the morning of Sept. 11, a clandestine U.S. battle against Iran's intelligence service, and the CIA using a third-country national to infiltrate an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan.

In his conclusions, Clarke veers off the subject at hand and undermines his credibility by attacking other Bush administration policies, including the Patriot Act, tax policy, and the number of U.S. troops in Iraq - subjects in which Clarke has little or no expertise.

Despite the book's failings, it still provides an invaluable wealth of information for those seeking to understand the threat of terrorists and the government's response. Even detractors should give a fair hearing to Clarke's primary assertion, given his lengthy experience and track record on the terrorist threat:

"I wonder if bin Laden and his deputies actually planned for September 11 to be like smashing a pod of seeds that spread around the world, allowing them to step back out of the picture and have the regional organizations they created take their generation-long struggle to the next level."

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SPORTS

First-year pitcher to throw competition curve ball

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

In only his first several outings of his collegiate career, freshman left-hand pitcher Tony Cunningham distinguished himself, showing great promise for the future of Titan baseball.

For his efforts, for the week ending March 21, Cunningham garnered several accolades.

Cunningham earned President's Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week laurels, garnered Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Southern Pitcher of the Week recognition, and was among three finalists for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America Division III National Pitcher of the Week.

Cunningham earned a complete game victory in his first collegiate start as the Titans defeated St. Mary's (Md.) College by the score of 5-0.

"It was a great relief, and really helped boost my confidence. I was not too sure how I would do in College baseball," Cunningham said. "Getting your first win in the collegiate level is always big deal for anyone. I was lucky to have such a great defense behind me, and help me pull through that whole game.

Cunningham is a product of Ellwood City's Lincoln High School, the same school to produce other Titan diamond men senior right-hander Pat Boyle and junior outfielder Brooks LeViere.

As a freshman, Cunningham looks up to the senior pitchers on the Titan staff for support. He acknowledged that specifically Boyle, Craig Rechichar, and Matt Robison have been huge influences on his switch from high school to college baseball.

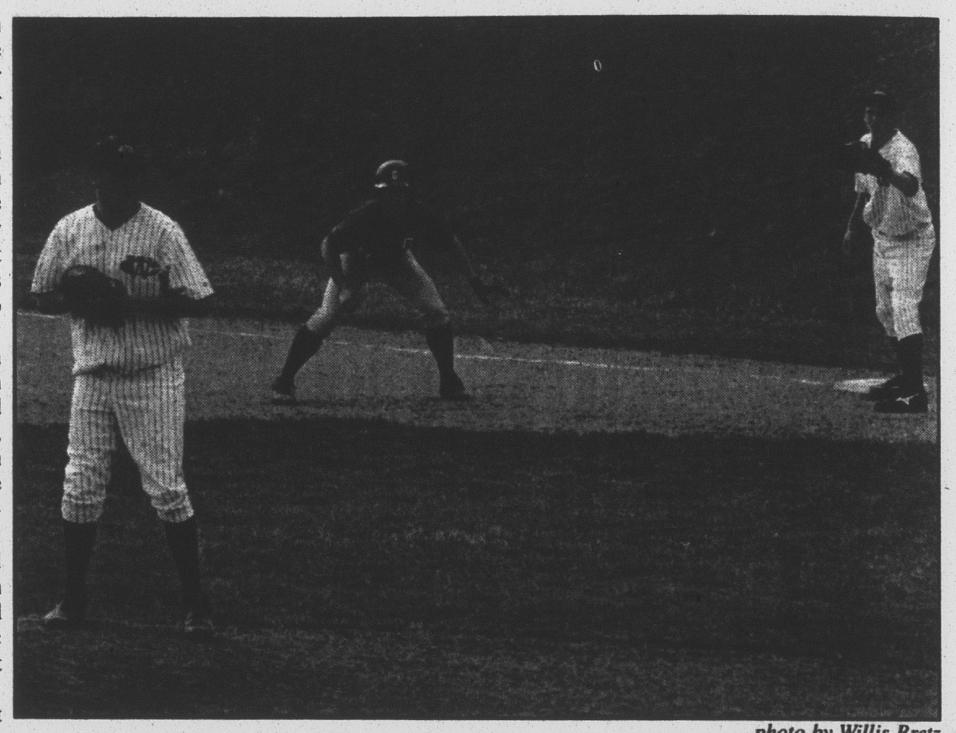
As a left-hander, Cunningham provides a different angle than what most batters are accustomed to seeing. Being a lefty, Cunningham believes he has an advantage because most batters are accustomed to right-handed pitching.

Last season, as a high school senior, Cunningham played on an Ellwood City team that captured the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association crown last season at the AA Division.

"[My success drives me] not just as an individual, but as also for the team," Cunningham said. "I know what it is like to be on a championship team, and i want every one of my teammates to experience it."

While Cunningham has garnered individual honors, the Titans have stumbled to a 3-10 start. However, the Titan line up consists of a quality mix of experienced veterans and crafty new comers.

The Titans will look to get back on track with a weekend series with PAC competitor Bethany Bison this weekend.



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Pitcher Pat Boyle and first baseman Eddie DeRose face off against Grove City player Greg Grupp.

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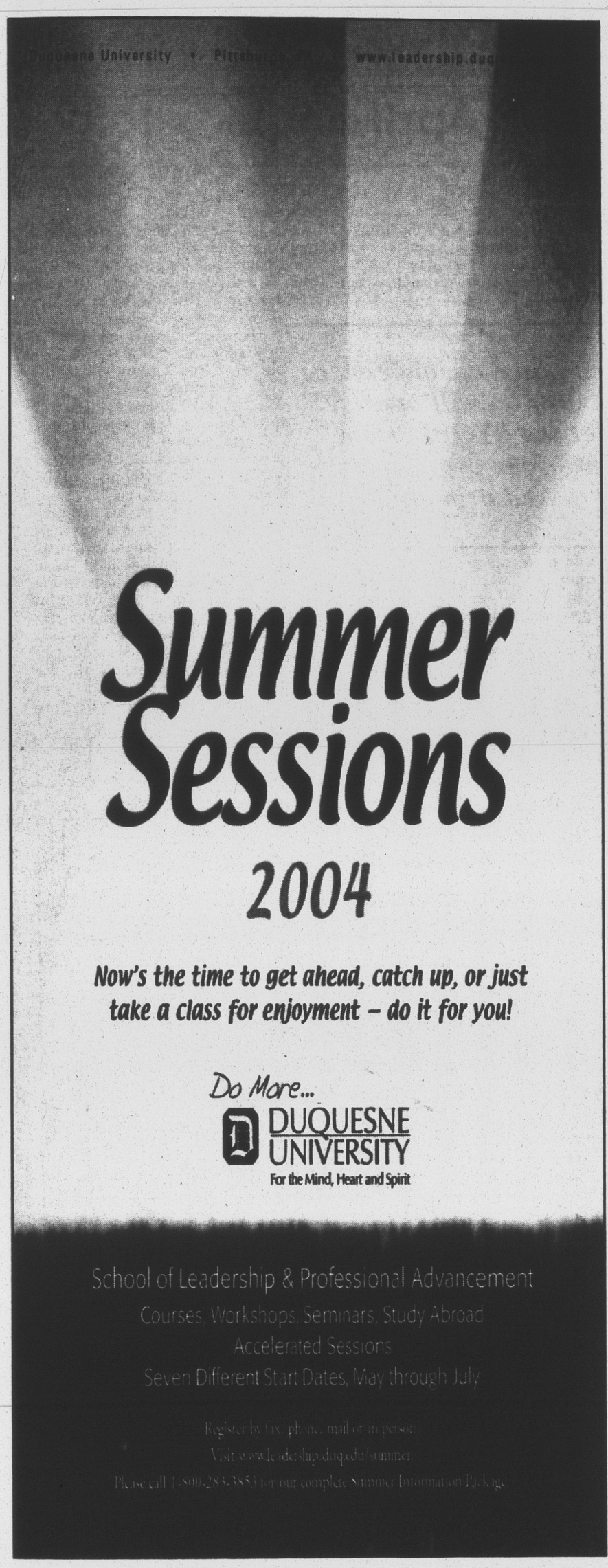

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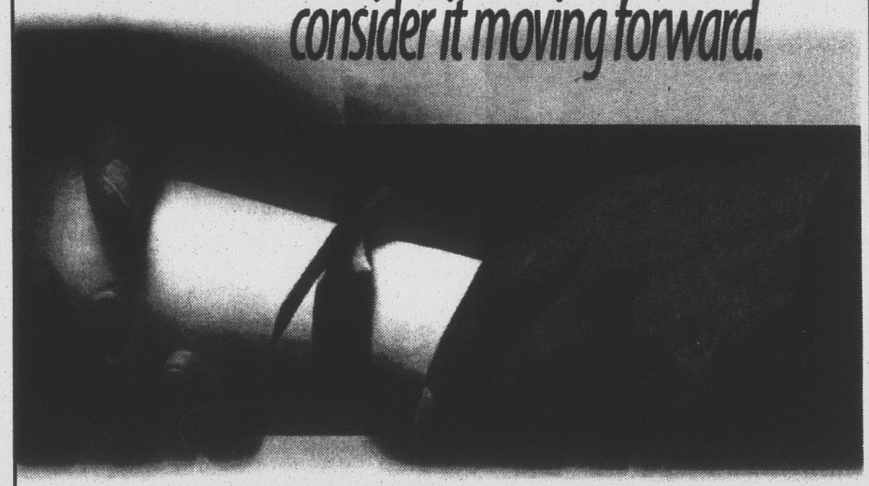

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

You are a precious lamb face

Doing the chicken dance in Walmart is a fun time.

The new WC homepage is nice, but I don't recognize the students!

Peanut butter is addictive!

Is there anything left in the student center that isn't named after a deceased person?

Why are the post on my shared folders out of order?

Where did the color printers in TCF go?

Time travel is possible by a flux capacitor...

McKelvey has the best urinals on campus (perhaps anywhere).

Does anyone take care of the campus grounds anymore?

Some people are just smart enough to be dangerous with their ignorance.

Our rain dance worked.

A dubious conundrum

Oh! The drama! Were you selected for Fresh Start?

Westminster College is so cute!

Double-entendre

I want a slushie machine

My girl is the best

Popcorn is extremely salty

I got drenched!

Could the college network be any slower?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: April Fools

An inside source has just reported the top ten ways the college will cut back on costs and increase profits next year.

10. Only one class will be offered in each department next semester. And only 20 seats will be available in each class. Except the Speech Communications department. They won't get anything.

9. No more computers will be used during registration to save on electricity and network costs. From now on, registration will be conducted in a manner similiar to sorority recruitment. You will be required to attend a Meet the Faculty Round Robin and be forced to participate in idle small talk with teachers who will then discuss your taste in clothing and personal life behind your back to determine if you are worthy of their classes.

8. All faculty members will be fired whose last names begin with M. Different letters will then randomly be chosen throughout the remainder of the semester as needed.

7. Groupwise Webaccess will only work one hour per day. Only you will not be told which hour it will be in operation, and it will probably change every day.

6. Frivolous luxuries such as hot water will be taken away from Browne residents for a week each semester.

To cut costs, computer labs from now on will operate under the BYOP system. Bring your own paper. And printer.

5. Meals will be provided by the cheapest food caterer available. Oh wait, we already have that taken care of. Thanks Sodexho! (One cheap Sodexho shot in each issue...check.)

4. One employee will be chosen as the sole TUB worker and will multi-task all areas, including the Charleston Market.

3. An even more ridiculous parking plan will be implemented next year, as Ferg residents will be required to park in Eich, Galbreath residents will be required to park in Shaw, and Browne residents will be required to park in the spots on the far side of the Grove City Outlets. You know, behind the Gap. Violating these rules will result in a 10 dollar fee and the donation of at least one organ.

2. Computer labs from now on will operate under the BYOP system. Bring your own paper. And printer.

1. The off-campus housing lottery will turn into a game of Off-Campus Survivor. Eighteen students will be abandonded in an apartment in the middle of nowhere (aka New Wilmington) without proper nourishment or transportation (aka the life of the typical college student). The student last standing will win claim to the apartment. This will not really cut back on costs. It is just funny.

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Guest Editorial: Gay Marriage and the Bible

by Kang Na
Professor of Religion

This is an belated, inadequate response to Mr. Huston's opinions expressed in the Holcad before break (re "Gay Marriage"), but a response provoked, nevertheless, by his use of biblical texts. First of all, kudos to him for various reasons. I am an admirer of Mr. Huston's opinions as well as his boldness to opine in our public, academic forum. Sharing his spirit of the free exchange of ideas and for the refinement of critical thinking, I make these brief remarks as Westminster's "Bible guy," whose vocation it is to interpret biblical texts and to interpret interpretations.

Mr. Huston mentioned and commented on several loci classici in the Bible that are often (mis)used in the debates surrounding homosexuals (people) and homosexual behavior. It is to the understanding of those texts that I direct my thoughts, not to the several inferential fallacies in his essay, e.g., questionable premises and conclusions, invalid deduction and induction-that I leave to my esteemed colleagues in the domain of philosophy.

Mr. Huston is right that the Bible contains texts that can be used for arguing two opposing opinions. But what does he mean that "someone will be able to use the Bible to argue against you with just as much authority." The nature of the authority, to which he refers, is quite a complicated thing. Who is to grant the authority of any particular interpretation or use of a biblical text? Indeed, who can judge the authority of any biblical text at all? Does Mr. Huston mean by "authority" the logical persuasiveness of one's rhetoric? Or does authority have more to do with communal consensus, as opposed to some inherited or ordained status? We'll let that complex of issues go for now for the sake of more textual matters.

Contrary to Mr. Huston's assumption, the Bible does not plainly say that "being gay is wrong and a sin." In fact, the very texts he cited (e.g., Leviticus, Romans, 1 Corinthians) speak to certain behaviors of sexual nature. For example Lev 18.22, which he quoted, is but one of many injunctions about proper sexual behaviors prescribed according to the propriety of various relationships, the so-called "holiness codes" Mr. Huston enumerated. So, Lev 18.9 commands, "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born abroad." This rule is to be observed whether one is homosexual or heterosexual, and whether there is a mutually loving relationship or willingness for long-term commitment between oneself and the sister in question. The point is that the text of Lev 18.22 needs a closer analysis in its given context, a luxury not afforded by the Holcad or Mr. Huston's piece.

Mr. Huston claimed through some questionable logic that "these laws were ceremonial laws, not moral and ethical laws" and then continued to list various "sins" mentioned in the Bible. Surely, he needs to elaborate here with more precision either in reflection or articulation. How is the prohibition (Lev 18.4-5, 26-30) against incestuous sexual intercourse (Lev 18.6-18, 20) or sexual intercourse with animals (Lev 18.23) "ceremonial" rather than "moral" or "ethical"? If ethics has to do with issues of "good" and "bad," and morals have to do with issues of "right" and "wrong," are not ethics and morals the appropriate concepts here?

The biblical portion of Mr. Huston's argument ended with Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (found in three of the four Gospels in the New Testament). But that is precisely where the discussion and debates ought to begin. What does "love" mean here? What does "your" mean? And what about "neighbor" and "as yourself"? Somehow I seem to have missed the logical link between this wonderful commandment, to which I am obligated as a Christian, and the biblical prohibition concerning sexual behavior (with animals, sisters, members of the same sex, etc.). Did Mr. Huston imply that to love one's neighbor abrogated all "ceremonial" rules contained in the Bible? Did he assume or prove that there is a necessary connection-or any connection at all-between love and sexual intercourse?

Yes, the "Bible says a lot of things," as Mr. Huston correctly insisted. the Bible has been used, is being used, and will be used by a variety of people for a variety of purposes to argue a variety of claims. If the point is simply that the Bible "says a lot of things," then there is no significant lesson here and perhaps no reason to bring the Bible into the picture. But if the point is to assume the religio-cultural significance of the Bible and to engage in a serious discussion about its meaning or about the interpretation of various portions of it, then the broad brush strokes like those of Mr. Huston should be either avoided or placed in a larger context of biblical or theological debates on the matter of homosexuals and homosexual behavior. In that regard, I would point inter alia to the works of Robert Gagnon (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) and Walter Wink (Auburn Theological Seminary) who have conducted spirited debates on matters biblical and homosexual.

I'm afraid that the brevity and claims of Mr. Huston's essay regarding biblical matters, although possessing admirable qualities, reflect a superficial rhetoric in a vast sea of biblical, interpretative imprecision rather than insightful investigation into the complex matrix of the biblical world from which a handful of texts is taken and (mis)used for purposes that might obscure that very world. So, again, kudos to Mr. Huston for the commendable attempt! I remain confident from intimations of sophistication in his writing that his cursory treatment of biblical material is not indicative of his sincere interest in and openness to engaging the biblical texts in greater depth.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Scooby Doo 2 & The Ladykillers

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

This week we'd like to present a brief look at how movie reviewing works. Most of the reviews we have done have been based on how certain movies rate in our opinion. Sometimes though, people cannot possibly like a movie no matter what. When faced with this, it's sometimes easier to tackle a movie review by approaching the film with the mindset of "Does the movie reach its target audience?" This week it seems like the latter is a better choice.

Scooby-Doo 2 follows the adventures of Fred, Velma, Daphne, Shaggy and Scoobert Scooby-Doo once more as they try to solve a mystery involving ghosts and sinister characters everywhere. Because of this huge deviation from the traditional Scooby-Doo formation, one would think that the story may seem somewhat hard to follow. Luckily for us, the characters fall right into place and we see a story unfold in front of our eyes that can only be compared to, well the first Scooby-Doo. As Scooby and Shaggy fart their way into our hearts, we learn to love them as peers, not just idols. Velma exposes her true inner feelings about dating to the rest of the gang. Surprisingly, she likes guys after all. And Fred and Daphne continue that sort of relationship that only the best of middle-school sweethearts can enjoy. Stuff happens, they figure out who's behind everything and Ruben sings at the end. A perfect ending to a perfect movie. Unless, of course, you're a Clay fan, and then we're a little scared.

Sarcasm aside, Scooby-Doo 2 is an idiotic, mind-numbing, gross, over-the-top acted, poorly written flick that seemingly would only appeal to children under seven. In other words, the movie has nailed its target audience better than many films aimed at adults. Ordinarily, a movie like this is an F before it is even watched, but this fact needs to be taken into consideration. Scooby-Doo is not for college students. Some will, however, actually like this movie. Those people probably enjoyed the original Scooby-Doo. Well Doo 2 is actually a little better, so you'll be in heaven by the time it's over.

Having a target audience can be a bad idea though. The Coen brothers have spent the past 20 years creating their target audience, and their past two movies insulting them. While Intolerable Cruelty may have somewhat tried to appeal to romantic comedy lovers, The Ladykillers is a true Coen adventure all the way. On the surface that is. Once you watch the movie, however, you wonder just what it was that drove them to finish the project.

The movie centers on the story of a southern gent of a professor named G.H. Dorr (Tom Hanks) who, along with his four partners, rob a riverboat casino on the Mississippi River. In order to complete their mission, they must dig underground to the vault. Their only way in is through Southern Baptist Marva Munson's root cellar. The perfect set up for a Coen movie.

But they don't follow through. The southern talk becomes too hard to understand at times, and not as a joke. These are conversations the audience needs to hear. The movie is slow and rarely funny. Surprisingly most of the jokes don't even go to Tom Hanks but to his teammates. While Tzi Ma, who plays The General, is funny throughout and the true highlight of the movie, the other three members of the group are nearly painful to watch. The score does not support the movie like most Coen films and Tom Hanks is simply average at best. The directing however is just as beautiful and clever as always - the one surviving gleam of hope in this train wreck.

When it comes to target audiences, one does not stray farther than The Ladykillers. Normally this is a C movie, average at best. But knowing the Coens are capable of comedic work like The Big Lebowski makes us cringe and slap a big D on the report card.

Tom Hanks stars in The Ladykillers

Lost and gone forever: Pittsburgh's Club Laga closes after eight years

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

This week, I felt the need to get a little sentimental. My fellow Pittsburghers can feel me on this one – since 1996, Club Laga has been the place to go for small concerts. Regrettably, after Friday night, Laga will close its doors to the public forever.

Tears, right? Yes. Anger and disappointment? You betcha.

Not that the venue itself is terribly exciting. It's on the fourth floor of an older building in Oakland. Even after five years of going there, the narrow stairwell leading upstairs still makes me nervous. It's small and dark – but it's home.

Name me a punk/emo/rock band, local or national, and I bet they've played there.

Something Corporate? Lead singer Andrew McMahon set his piano on fire after opening for the Juliana Theory last spring.

Dashboard Confessional played there before hitting Mtv.

Punchline got their start there.

January 29, 1999. That was the first time I saw a show there (it was probably my first concert ever, in fact). Two local bands played, neither of which exists anymore. Over the years, I saw ska bands, The Toasters, Mustard Plug, and Edna's Goldfish (since broken up) go through there.

The last two shows I saw there will probably stand out in my memory now even more. Fall Out Boy and Less Than Jake played there in November – which took me back to the old school ska days. And in December, I saw Yellowcard there.

Why is this venue closing? Manager Ron Levick wants to convert the space he owns into offices and apartments. I'm not kidding.

At a time when the 'scene' in Pittsburgh needs a boost, another outlet is taken away. Metropol shut its doors last October. You can't get into Nick's Fat City unless you're 21. Rosebud, though since reopened, and rechristened The World (we won't get into how much I think that name bites), closed two years ago.

Happily, Rock Jungle is booking more bands and Mr. Smalls in Millvale is going to grab all the business Laga will leave behind.

The Berlin Project and the Space Pimps (who will be here in May for VolleyRock, I believe) will play the last notes there tonight. Although I never cared much for the Berlin Project, I'm happy that two local bands, that have been playing Laga their entire young careers, got the opportunity to do the honors. I don't think I would have had it any other way.

Butler rock band The Narrows to perform Sat.

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Butler based Indy rock band The Narrows will play in the McKelvey Club Room this Saturday, April 3 after seniors Alan Higby and Nate Zuzack open the show at 7:30 as part of the Green Party's "Regional Progressive Conference."

The band started in the fall of 2002 and consists of vocalist/guitarist Erik Pitluga, vocalist/guitarist Theo Pikoulas, drummer/percussionist Justin Chesarek, and bassist Abe Tray.

The band independently released their self titled debut album. Tracks from the album can be heard on their website at www.narrows.tk.

The first two tracks "Turning your Back Means Saying Goodbye" and "11 Roses" can be heard on their website as well as the more mellow campfire songs.

The band can next be seen doing a free acoustic show on April 15 at 7 p.m. at The Java Rock Cafe in Slippery Rock, Pa., then again on April 23 with Distorted Penguins and Life Long Regrets at the Grace Lutheran Church, and then on April 30 at Penn State Behrend with Bayside and The Juliana Theory.

We're "looking forward to playing at Penn State Behrend w/ the Juliana theory," Pitluga said.

After those shows they are "shooting to make a 4 song CD in late spring early summer and look[ing] around for some record labels," Pitluga said.

> *"I just want to have a CD I have complete confidence in, one that is almost perfect, and one that shows us growing in song writing and our ability to play ..."*

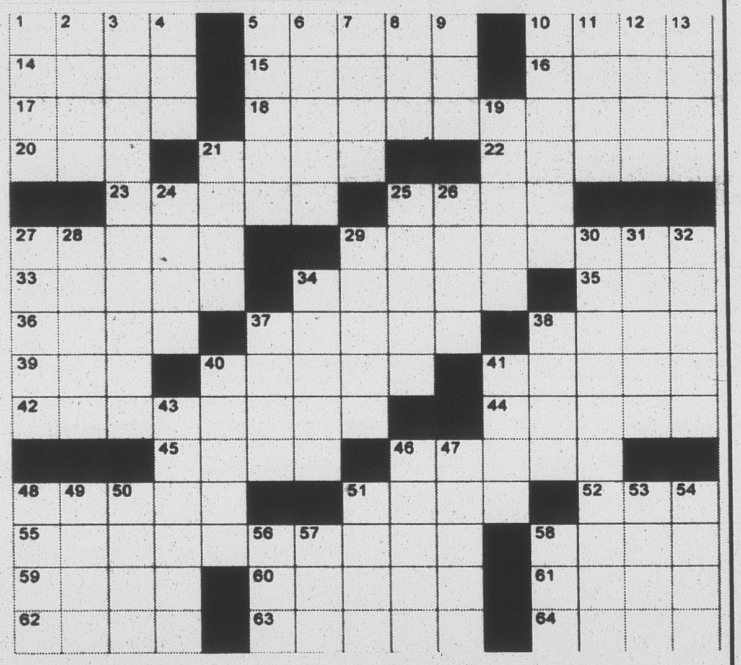
"I just want to have a CD I have complete confidence in, one that is almost perfect, and one that shows us growing in song writing and our ability to play, something that is real tight that I will want to send to a label to be heard."

"Basically I saw how Punchline did it, they made a full length and just played around a whole bunch, toured and all that stuff. Then they made a 4 song CD that was real tight and much better than previous stuff, and they got signed," Pitluga said.

Crossword 101

In The Pits

By Ed Canty



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14 Common pronoun
15 USPS competitor
16 Ascend
17 Neighbor to Silver State
18 Found in a pit
20 Nancy's mate
21 Army meal
22 A hen, perhaps
23 French or Dutch, e.g.
25 Indonesian island
27 Done for
29 Gun add-on
33 Jacob Amman followers
34 Prophet
35 Yoko ___
36 Just right
37 Storage place
38 Fully aware of
39 Hotel
40 Up in the air
41 Cubes
42 Self-indulgences
44 Warning signal
45 Expressed emotion
46 Greek Mythological creature
48 Once more
51 Box
52 Child's game
55 *John Philip's* namesake
58 Ms. Turner
59 Barber's concern
60 Repeated a performance
61 Not in favor of
62 Execute
63 Use great effort
64 Upright at sea

Down

1 Cream type
2 Pontiac, e.g.
3 Borge's prop
4 Tray content
5 Popular grill
6 Collect
7 Lip
8 McCourt's memoir
9 Gnome
10 Endow with priestly authority
11 Shipshape
12 Pines, for one
13 Soothsayer
19 More feverish
21 Chomper
24 Kick out
25 Prejudiced person
26 N. D. Grad
27 Matt's sidekick
28 In the middle of
29 Rides waves
30 Bellows user
31 Parking lot sign
32 Perch
34 Take in
37 Prune
38 Excessively suave
40 Field house
41 Social rendezvous
43 Crooked
46 Echo sounder
47 Representative
48 Cobras
49 Hockey score
50 Nimbus
51 Old wives' tale
53 Hill residents
54 Pace
56 Before prefix
57 An evil spell
58 Scottish cap

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your strength and courage will be required during this week to meet a personal challenge... this seems to be an inner struggle of self worth. You may become privy to information concerning a financial matter, don't take any advice lightly.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have a lot going for you this week, so try to use that positive energy wisely. Keep your goals ever in mind, and be willing to wait for just the right time. Your self-confidence is renewed and those around you will no doubt benefit. Find approval and love from within.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
It may be time to make a change in a relationship that is eating up your time and energy - it just may not be worth the effort. If you are overloaded at work, let a supervisor know that you need help. Feelings will be expressed which are sincere, so take them to heart.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Stand up for yourself and don't let anyone, friend or family, get away with what is rightfully yours. If you are in the market for Mr. or Mrs. Right, they may be right in front of your eyes, so keep your eyes open. Don't be manipulated by guilt into doing something undesirable.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Hard work and more hard work will give you an enormous sense of satisfaction this week. Time seems to fly because you are so wrapped up in a current project. This will lay a foundation on which success will surely be built. You will attract positive notice.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A fresh start this week may be just what you need. Your financial situation seems to be improving steadily, though maybe not as quickly as you would like. This new beginning just may be marred by your inclination to go for glitter instead of substance and quality.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Don't put all your eggs into one basket this week, especially regarding relationships. Relying to heavily on others will only hurt and disappoint you. Motivation will take hold of you and with a little blood flowing, your enthusiasm will affect all those around you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The blues may be trying to follow you throughout the week. There is truly an abundance of love and affection surrounding you from just about everywhere, so there is no reason to stay withdrawn. Do not jump to conclusions about a co-worker, things aren't always what they seem.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It may be time to make that commitment to a primary relationship that is long overdue. If you are having second thoughts, it is no doubt time to talk about whether or not it's worth investing more time and energy into something that may not be beneficial to either of you.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
You seem to be easily influenced during the week, which is very uncharacteristic for you. Could it be some sweet face has you in its spell? Try to keep your temper in check when someone in the workplace tries to push your buttons. Not everyone meets your high moral code.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Communications will be very important during the week. Your significant other may be feeling left out and needs the reassurance that they crave, children may need guidance concerning educational matters, and friends need support regarding a life decision.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Protect your feelings during the week by keeping them to yourself. If you do something nice for someone else, don't expect to be thanked. There are things that need to be done for their own sake. Take people for what they are, not for what you want them to be.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be accused of being both elusive and shallow. And you are elusive in order to protect the privacy you consider so very precious. You are not shallow, but have the ability to detach your emotions from your intellect, and tend to just skim the surface of many things.

FEATURE

The jokes are on me, or are they?

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Squirrel Chaser

Aliens are attacking, favorite comics are cancelled, and let's not forget the classic friend with a cast and a bad limp. They're all traditional examples of one common thing, and they make us laugh without fail, year after year.

No, I'm not sadistic, I'm just sarcastic when the opportunity arises. If you haven't figured it out, I'm talking about April Fool's day, or All Fool's Day, whatever it is you called yesterday on an annual basis.

As I was growing up, April Fools' day was just a day to tell people lies then laugh in their face and claim "April Fools'!" It wasn't until middle school that I realized there could be so much more to it than just that. I learned how to hide my waist-length hair so that it would look like I'd cut it short, then show up that morning at school grinning madly. In high school, I procured myself a pair of clear glasses and wore them around for a day, looking shocked when someone would say they'd never seen me with glasses before. They'd always compliment me on them, though.

One year in high school, as I was walking down the hall to lunch with my fake glasses on, I saw my best friend round the bend ahead of me. She had the most piteous look on her face, and a bandage wrapped around her right arm. I completely freaked out and ran to her, asking her what was wrong and what had happened. She gave me the most devious look ever and said, "Nothing."

While getting fooled is certainly a huge part of the April Fools' experience, my favorite part is the fooling itself.

While getting fooled is certainly a huge part of the April Fools' experience, my favorite part is the fooling itself. Few things are as entertaining as planning a huge whopper to tell my friends with a straight face. You always have to make sure you bring it up in casual, normal conversation so that they have to think twice before even wondering if it's a joke or not.

The biggest problem I have with pranks, however, is that I'm more considerate than your average trickster. While I think the whole Saran-wrap over the toilet gag is pretty funny, I also think it's really gross and I'd hate to have it pulled on me. I'd rather have my victim be able to laugh along with me after I've pranked them.

Laughter is a huge part of April first, I think. We've all heard the age-old piece of wisdom, "Laughter is the best medicine." And I know there have been official medical studies that have proved it to all sorts of extents. But on a personal level, I know that laughter can cure almost any ailment I'm suffering from.

Let me rephrase that. Laughter can cure suffering. A good joke, a good laugh can go so far to lift anybody's mood, brighten anybody's day, and put a spring in anybody's step. Laughter is a strange wonder drug that can give a high much cheaper than any other drug on the market. Laughter isn't even on the market! It doesn't need to be.

There needs to be more laughter in this world. It would make the world a much nicer place to live in, don't you think? I'm not saying that we can abolish all sadness and misfortune – but how much better would life be if we didn't let misfortune ruin a good mood? Or if we ruined sadness more often with a smile?

It's a radical concept I know. How can we laugh more? Is it possible to do without someone by our sides constantly telling jokes? Of course it is. The first step is to open your eyes. Take a good look around. The human race may be destroying this planet little by little, but look at what we've still got left. If anything, laugh for the beauty left in this world, and let it know that we do in fact appreciate it.

If that doesn't work, chase squirrels.

George Carlin had a good start but let's up the ante

By Kris Ankarlo
Penn State Daily Collegian Columnist

There are seven dirty words not to be said anywhere.

In 1978, these words caused the U.S. Supreme Court to rule in favor of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) against the Pacifica Foundation. The court ruled that the FCC could censor George Carlin's "Filthy Words" routine from the airwaves because it fell under the "patently offensive" definition. This decision was made in the interest of protecting children that might be watching or listening during the daytime.

The First Amendment is not a magic shield that offers a person the ability to speak like a fool without ramifications.

Now, I'm not one of those yahoos who gets a cheap thrill every time I see an opportunity to challenge the First Amendment. The First Amendment is not a magic shield that offers a person the ability to speak like a fool without ramifications. In fact, I believe that if we can't say these words, there are more words that should be banned from the broadcasting lexicon:

NASCAR dads

According to leading political pundits, this is the constituency that will be the deciding factor in the 2004 presidential election. This term refers to lower-middle class, white males in the South and the Midwest, who apparently have magical powers to determine the fate of the free world.

Nothing makes me prouder to be an American than watching George W. Bush and John Kerry duke it out for the ever-influential endorsement of Rusty Wallace and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Ironically, this group is one of the least likely to make a forceful show at the polls.

Jobless recovery

The economy is finally rebounding after four years of dismal performance. Unfortunately, there's a catch — there are no new jobs. The term "jobless recovery" is simply a euphemism for being screwed if you don't already work. Whenever the economy is discussed, this term is sure to rear its head. I just wish that it would be discussed in terms that everyone can understand.

Maybe something like, "The rich guys are already rich and getting richer because they are outsourcing all of your old jobs to Indonesians, who will work for 30 cents an hour and four Cheeze-its at lunch."

Gitmo

When the U.S. government started rounding up suspected terrorists, it shipped them off to Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, apparently nicknamed "Gitmo." No network has gotten more mileage out of "Gitmo" than Fox News. Part of me thinks that their anchors play games right out of Supertroopers by seeing how many times they can say "Gitmo" without being called out. These guys seem to get a boost of testosterone whenever they say "Gitmo," as though speaking in a military dialect makes them feel a little more like Rambo.

Spiderhole

This one has pretty much run its course, but I just had to ban it because it was said more in two weeks than any other word was uttered in human history (it just passed up the word "Jesus" for this distinction last month).

Why were we so proud of finding the defiant and elusive enemy, Saddam Hussein, in a hole? If he was the vaunted enemy we were all led to believe, we should have found him in a vast underground palace guarded by legions of genetically enhanced super-soldiers.

Prognosticators

This $5 word comes straight from the Democratic Primary race. I believe there was a stipulation within the Democratic party that excluded candidates who refused to say the word "prognosticator" when referring to naysayers of their campaign. I'm banning this word just because it seems to make the person saying it spit three or four times before he or she can pronounce it.

Playmakers

This word alone almost caused me to give up ESPN for Lent. Except, I'm not Catholic and Fox Sportsnet's coverage isn't the type of methadone that could replace the addiction that is Sportscenter. Whenever a wide receiver caught a touchdown pass or a clean-up hitter drove in the tying run, this word made an appearance.

I'm banning this word because there is another word that means the same thing: athlete. I'm also banning this word because it's a poor foundation for a subpar male soap opera that possessed its own guilty, addictive qualities.

Sociologists and mass media experts squabble constantly over whether the proliferation of cable and satellite TV has made Americans smarter or dumber. While this debate will never end — at least until we devolve back into Neanderthals — I do believe that buzzwords and catchphrases are shrinking our ability to think in original terms. Speech is a representation of thought. If we cannot vocalize a thought, the thought does not exist.

The simplification of our speech in order to boost advertising revenue or make a news story easier to understand is having debilitating effects on our society. We are slowly becoming homogenized by these phrases, the same way the seven dirty words might make someone seem less intelligent. With less expression comes less understanding.

Students of journalism are taught to make their message clear and concise to be understood by all. I don't believe in this philosophy. I believe the media should be a teaching tool as much as a source of simplified information.

The media have become the most powerful influence in our everyday lives and shape political discourse. Political candidates need to start treating potential voters like intelligent, capable human beings instead of ignorant fools looking to be brainwashed, one 30-second spot at a time.

We do have brains, and they work.

Insert Angry Voice Here: I'm Staying!

by Drew Huston
News Editor

So, I think to myself, "There has been a change at this school in the past year. People are active. People want to make a difference. People are actually standing up for themselves." My chest swells with pride – I start to think that I've actually made a difference. I start to think that the powers-that-be are actually making changes because we, the students, are finally starting to matter. Then we all get an all-campus e-mail regarding the meal plan. I'm not sure how many of you have read this e-mail, but I was very angry about it. So angry, in fact, that I decided to take some radical action. This e-mail was the final straw.

As of today, I have declared an extra minor, for the sole purpose of staying at Westminster College an extra year. This meal plan garbage has gotten me so angry that I am putting my future on hold – just so I can stick it to them in every way possible. Therefore, if I am allowed to keep my job as an Angry Article writer next year, I will devote each and every column I do to showing the students, the community, and everybody I possibly can that we are being ripped off by the meal situation, and that we are not only aware of it, but we are extremely upset by it.

Next week's column will be all about the new meal plan, and how it's costing us more than the original. It will also be about how we the students should not in the slightest bit feel guilty for complaining about being ripped off. It will also talk about how we the students can make an effective difference in the meal plans – I will give everybody some strategies for making change. I will bring out my handy-dandy calculator that I used to create my Hamburger Stand last semester, to see just how much "better" this new meal plan is, and to show you, my fellow students, just how much we are being fleeced. Numbers don't lie, but I have a feeling that some of the reasoning we are being given for the over-inflated prices on meals isn't entirely the truth.

As of today, I have declared an extra minor, for the sole purpose of staying at Westminster College an extra year. This meal plan garbage has gotten me so angry that I am putting my future on hold...

I am staying to spite you, powers-that-be. I am staying because I know that people pay attention to what I say, and (hopefully) they see me as a well-informed, if opinionated, voice of the student body. I am staying because I enjoy my role as watchdog, and I will not stop being in that role, because now a watcher is needed more than ever. If you were praying for my matriculation this year, I'm sorry to disappoint – I'm not done yet. In fact, if you really want me to leave, it's probably your own fault that I'm staying. Congratulations!

Furthermore, I intend to take this fight beyond the borders of our campus. I intend to get outside sources, investigative agencies, and hopefully the local press to show not only us (which would be preaching to the choir), but the general area just how much we're being robbed by the meal plan. I'll provide real comparisons with other colleges, not just superficial ones, and every week, I will give yet another reason why we are being forced to waste our money here.

I guess it just needs to be realized that there are actually smart people going to school here, and we're not pushovers who will pay whatever is demanded of us. I guess it needs to be realized that monopolies that exploit students will not be tolerated. I guess it just needs to be realized that we're aware of just how little attention is paid to our situations and to the value of our money. I guess it just needs to be realized that customers (and we are this school's customers in general, people – we pay the money to go here, and that means that they as a business need to cater to us) should be respected – whatever happened to "the customer is always right"? I guess it just needs to be realized that someone will stand up for us, and I've been proud to do that for two years or so. I'd like to do it for a third, if my editors will have me.

I will keep this fight up for the entirety of next year, whether I be writing articles or not. A line has been crossed that I simply cannot ignore, and I intend to fight tooth and nail until change has been affected.

Editors' Note:
We appologize for Mr. Huston's fervor in this week's article. We have word from his physicians that he is suffering from a mild version of Aprilicus Fooliteus.

His condition will improve within a week and he will return to his natural state of anger. Hopefully, with plenty of rest and an increase in food rations from his trainers...err...editors...Mr. Huston will recover quickly.

We direct any complaints to our team of well trained ninja lawyers. Thank you and enjoy April.

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: A right to know?

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

This week's topic was sparked by the recent actions of the Bush administration and the 9/11 commission. The commission has been requesting that Condoleezza Rice, National Security advisor to the President, testify regarding what exactly the administration was aware of pre-September 11th. President Bush has refused to allow Rice to testify, citing executive privilege. However, on Tuesday the President granted Rice permission to testify before the commission, on the condition that it not set a precedent and that she is not called on again for updated testimony. In fact, President Bush and Cheney will also later testify in front of the commission at a later time. But this week's activities still brought up a hot topic: when can a President invoke executive privilege, or should he at all?

Executive Privilege has been a principle of the executive office since George Washington used it to withhold documents from the House in 1796. Essentially, the privilege states that the President can withhold documents or testimony if it would affect national security. This certainly isn't a "partisan" privilege that only one Party invokes in times of presidential crisis. We all remember Nixon clinging to executive privilege in order to prevent the release of his Oval Office tapes during Watergate. We also remember Clinton citing executive privilege to protect his Secret Service men from testifying about his involvement with Monica Lewinsky. So if anyone tells you that executive privilege is only used by a certain party, you can tell them they're an idiot. Or tell me, I'll be happy to pass on the message.

However, some people would argue that executive privilege is not a right guaranteed to the President and that it is only used to keep him and his administration out of political hot water, all in the false name of "national security". I must disagree. I feel that the principle of executive privilege is an extremely vital component of the President's power. Let's think about this. Say you're an advisor to the President of the United States, which means you were not elected by the people in any way. You were specifically chosen by the President because he trusts your knowledge, experience, and advice that you can offer. In essence, your job is the confidant to the leader of the free world. Now imagine that executive privilege doesn't exist, and even though you were not elected by the people, every word or piece of advice you give to the President regarding ANY TOPIC would be subject to testimony. Now with that in mind, how comfortable would you be truthfully advising the President? You wouldn't be comfortable at all. Instead, you would become a politician, and every word out of your mouth would ring "politically correct" in order to avoid offending anyone. In short, you'd be a crappy advisor.

Therefore, President Bush did have every right to prevent Condoleezza Rice from testifying. Although I personally feel that it is best for the administration to let her speak on their behalf due to her amazing speaking performances, I do not believe that President Bush was in the wrong for citing executive privilege. This explains why one of her conditions for her testimony is that it is not to be used as a precedent for future committees to call on other unelected advisors.

So yes, executive privilege is indeed a good thing, at least if we want our President to receive honest advice. If he didn't, who knows, maybe our foreign policy would include sending countries gift baskets as peace offerings with a card that says: "Hope you like us now. Love, the USA".

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

This weeks Jess and I are taking on the idea of "executive privilege". This issue is unique in the fact that both parties have vague opinions on the matter; as each use it the privilege, while criticizing the other for using it. The lack of an official position by both parties, however, does not mean that I do not have my own opinion regarding this matter. I personally, find executive privilege to be dubious and pseudo un-American.

When the founding fathers created our constitution and new government, they were striving to create a government free of absolute rule. The society they broke away from had a monarch who dictated the will of the nation and had to offer no explanation to his actions. With this in mind, it is doubtful that the founding fathers would look kindly upon the executive withholding information from the legislative or judicial branches; let alone from the general public. Additionally, you will find no reference to "executive privilege" in the constitution.

But though executive privilege is not mentioned in the constitution, it was invoked by our nations first President; George Washington. In this instance, Washington was under pressure from the House to reveal information regarding the Jay Treaty - a recently adopted treaty with England. Washington argued that this violates separation of powers; as the Senate solely ratifies Treaties. After 11 years of arguments, the Supreme Court ruled that the executive (by this time Jefferson) must turn over the documents. It reasoned that the court would make the ruling of whether the issue was of "national security" concern, not the executive.

Even with this early precedent set, President's have continued to invoke (with different levels of success...) the idea of "executive privilege". During the Nixon Administration, Tricky Dick attempted to use executive privilege to cover his role/knowledge of the Watergate scandal. More recently, President Clinton attempted to use the privilege to conceal his affair with Monica Lewinsky. And though there is a definite difference between having an affair and spying on your political enemies; both men were wrong to attempt to use "executive privilege" to cover their own mistakes.

Recently, the Bush Whitehouse has been invoking executive privilege left and right. Vice President Cheney invoked executive privilege over energy talks that were held in private. This is questioned as some are concerned that we are basically not allowed to know who helped to form our nations energy policies.

Additionally, the White House has been invoking executive privilege in an attempt to shield themselves from the questions from the 9-11 Commission. However, some argue that since the commission is executively created, that disallows the executive privilege idea.

Recently, the Bush Administration has caved to pressure in the wake of Richard Clarke testimonies, and will allow National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice to testify before the commission.

This is a definite victory for those against executive privilege and for the truth.

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 2
Science Olympiad
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Planetarium Program:
— Planetarium in Hoyt Science Center
7:30 PM Student Vocal Recital: Benjamin Abel
— Wallace Memorial Chapel

Saturday, April 3
10:00 AM Alumni Council Meeting
3:00 PM Student Vocal Recital: Rachel Varine
— Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:45 PM Student Instrumental Recital: Katharine Wonders, oboe
— Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Planetarium Program: — Planetarium in Hoyt Science Center
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

Regional Progressive Conference
Sponcored by Campus Green Party, College Democrats, Amnesty International, The Sierra Club, and Allies
11:30am-1:00pm Meet and greet among groups and registration:
— Beeghly Lobby
12:30pm Welcome Address — Beeghly Theater
1:00-2:00pm Workshops
Cilivl Libertties and the Patriot Act — Patterson 231
Gay Marriage — Patterson 311
2:00-3:00pm Workshops
Campus Organizing — Patterson 231
Environmentalism — Patterson 311
3:00-4:00pm Workshops
Human Rights in Latin America — Patterson 231
Palestine — Patterson 311
4:00-5:00pm Address by Democratic House of Representatives candidate, Steve Porter — Beeghly Theater
6:00-7:00pm Keynote speech by former death row inmate Nick Yarris
— Beeghly Theater
7:30-9:30pm Live musical entertainment featureing **The Narrows**
— MCC Club Room

Sunday, April 04
Kappa Delta Pi Initiation
Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn clocks ahead one hour)
Chapel Praise Band Practice — Wallace Memorial Chapel
Kappa Delta Pi Initiation — Wallace Memorial Chapel
6:15 PM IFC Meeting
8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — PH 311/312

Monday, April 5
Greek Organizations' Meetings
4:00 PM Allies Meeting — Patterson 311
5:00 PM Panhel Meeting
7:00 PM Seekers Praise Band Practice — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple

Tuesday, April 6
History Day
College Democrats Meeting
File 2004 FAFSA
12:30 PM Faculty Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
4:00 PM Study Abroad International Study
— MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse — MCC 219
5:00 PM Honors Tea (for all Honors Students on Campus)
— Ferguson Hall Lobby
5:00 PM Math and CS Department Spring Awards Banquet
— MCC Witherspoon Maple
5:30 PM SAA Meeting
7:00 PM International Film Festival: The Bicycle Thief — MCC 219
7:00 PM Women's Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:30 PM Faculty Chamber Recital — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Newman Club — Miller Board Room (McGill Library)
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel

Wednesday, April 7
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Warren Hickman, Topic TBA — MCC 219
5:00 PM Seekers Concert Committee — MCC 352
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
8:00 PM Tenebrae Service — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352

Thursday, April 8
Last Meal Before Break: Lunch
Last Day to Withdraw ($15 Fee)
11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting — MCC 255
5:30 PM College Republicans — TC 210
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel

Friday, April 9
GOOD FRIDAY
College Closed
EASTER BREAK

Tuesday, April 13
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
CLASSES RESUME
College Democrats Meeting
7:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: The Sound of Music — Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Newman Club — Miller Board Room (McGill Library)
10:00 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352

Wednesday, April 14
File 2004 FAFSA
Henderson Lecture — Wallace Memorial Chapel
Opera Workshop Production — Orr Auditorium
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Jonathan Elias, — MCC 219
5:00 PM Seekers Concert Committee — MCC 352
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352

Thrusday, April 15
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Beta Beta Beta Plant Sale
— MCC Orchard Street Cafe
5:00 PM Seekers Exec Meeting — MCC 352
5:30 PM College Republicans — TC 210
6:30 PM SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel

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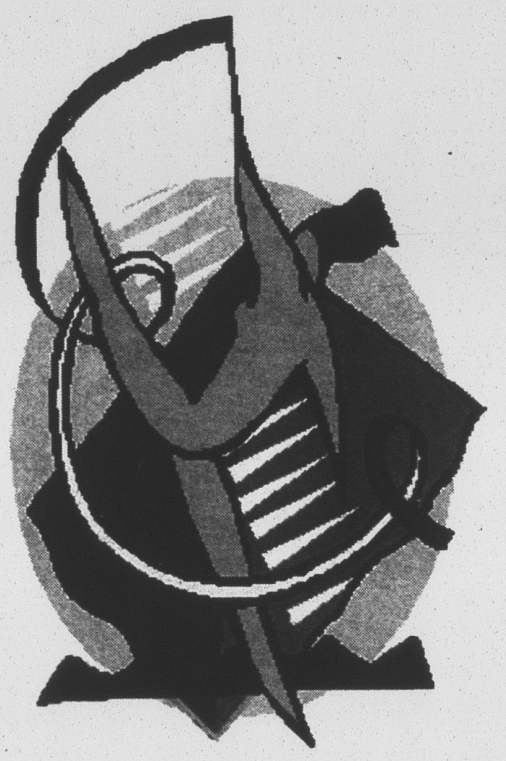


Orr Auditorium

Thursday, April 1 (8 pm)
Friday, April 2 (8 pm)
Saturday, April 3 (2 pm)

WC Faculty & Students $1.00
Adults $6.00
Children (7 & up) $3.00
Children (6 & under) FREE

Tickets sold at the door

Lil' Sibs Weekend

Friday, April 2nd

Registration, Picture Buttons, Games and Face Painting
4:00pm-8:00pm, MCC Club Room

Ballpark Dinner
5:00pm-7:00pm, MCC Club Room

Dance Theatre (Extra Cost)
8:00pm, Orr Auditorium

Titan's Tavern
(Free Cappuccino, Soft Drinks)
10:00pm-2:00am, MCC Club Room

Saturday, April 3rd

Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour
10:00am, MCC Club Room

Sports Cards
10:00am-2:00pm, MCC Club Room

Panhellenic Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am, Quad (Ferguson if raining)

WC Track Meet
11:00am, Harold Burry Stadium

Brunch
11:30am-1:00pm, Dining Hall

Sports of All Sorts
1:00pm-4:00pm, Field House, Quad, Field in front of Eichenhauer

WC Baseball vs. Bethany
1:00pm, Baseball Field

WC Softball vs. Waynesburg
1:00pm, Softball Field

Dance Theatre Matinee (Extra Cost)
2:00pm, Orr Auditorium

Lil' Sibs Swim Party
2:00pm-4:00pm, Field House

Dinner
4:45-6:00pm, Dining Hall

Mass
7:00pm, Chapel

Court Jesters Basketball Exhibition
8:00pm, Field House

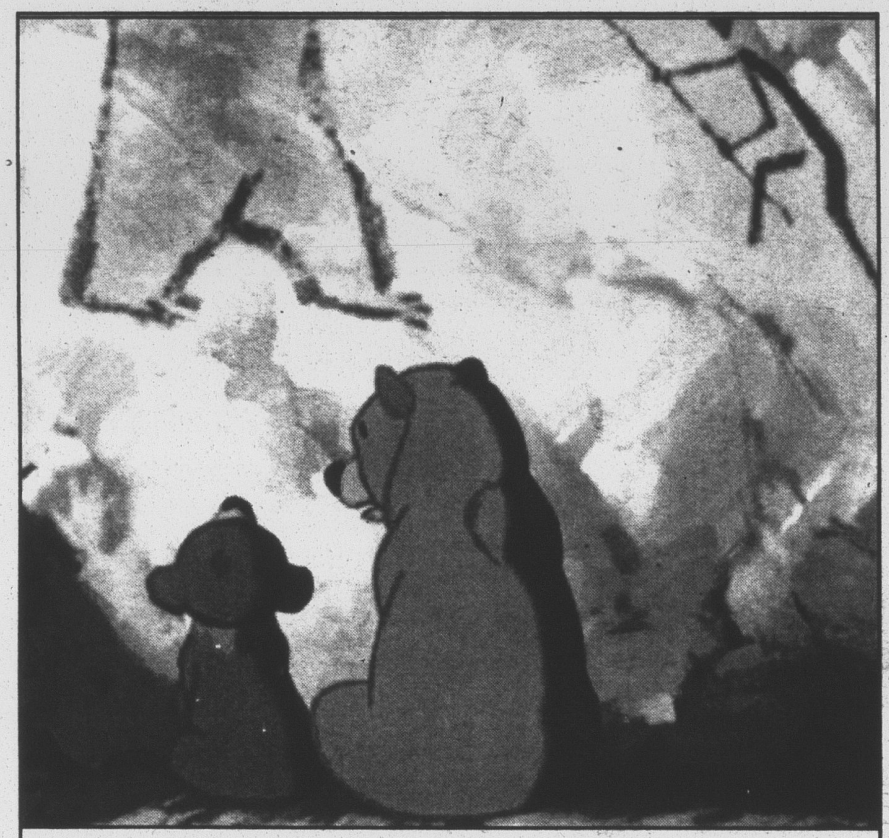
Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance
9:00pm, MCC Club Room

Night Owl Bowling
11:00pm-1:00am
Meet in front of MCC

Sunday, April 4th

Brunch
11:30-1:00pm, Dining Hall

Palm Sunday/Easter Vespers
7:00pm, Chapel

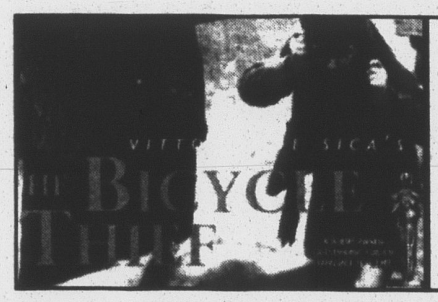


Brother Bear
Fri 8:00
Sat 2:00, and 8:00

The Last Samurai
Fri 10:30
Sat 10:30
Sun 9:00

Coming Soon:

April 16: Monte Carlo Night
April 17: Relay for Life
April 24: Night Owl Bowling



International Film Festival
April 6th 7:00pm

The Bicycle Thief

Friday, April 16, 2004

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Leaps and bounds

Sophomore Sarah Bouldin takes on the hurdles during the Westminster Invitational.

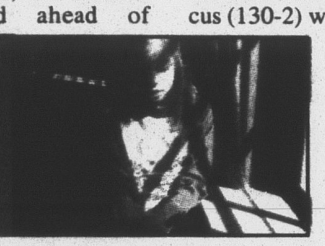
photo by Willis Bretz

The Westminster College men's and women's track & field teams each placed fourth out of five teams Wednesday at the Grove City College Mini-Invitational in Grove City, Pa. The Titans men finished with 50 points, behind Carnegie Mellon (174), Geneva (156) and the host Wolverines (114) and ahead of Waynesburg (21). The Lady Titans posted 53 points to trail Geneva (234), CMU (111), and GCC (107) while finishing in front of Waynesburg (11).

A pair of throwers led the way for the Westminster men. Junior Phil Frye was the team's lone winner, capturing the discus (130-2) while also placing fifth in the shot put (40-7). Classmate Don Waldron posted a second-place finish in the shot put (42-8) and a third-place finish in the discus (121-0).

For the Lady Titans, sophomore Sonya Cole led the squad by capturing the shot put with a mark of 36-8. Sophomore Carrie Fleckenstein finished second in the pole vault (8-0) while adding a fifth-place finish in the long jump (13-2 1/2).

The Westminster men's & women's track & field teams return to action this Saturday, April 17 at the Slippery Rock University Invitational in Slippery Rock, Pa., at 11 a.m.



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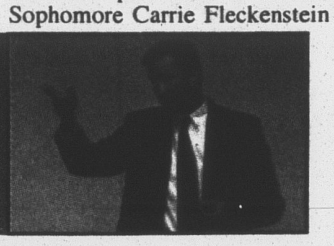

Speaker Tommy Pope

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CAMPUS NEWS

Lil' Sibs Weekend strikes home run

by Feliz DeNu
Campus Writer

The baseball-themed Lil' Sibs event took place last weekend with children of all ages swinging at the chance to spend a weekend with their older siblings, relatives or friends.

Each year numerous groups on campus, including the Campus Programming Committee, Student Government Association, and Dance Theatre, pull together and plan for the event. Despite whether students have younger siblings or not, the weekend has something for everyone, and it shows by the booming activity on campus.

"Dance Theatre gives lil' sibs the opportunity to see what college students are involved in, and a chance to relate to us," Dance Theatre's treasurer Heather Ferriero said. "We love performing for them, and it's a fun, relaxing way for them to spend their time."

Registration started Friday's festivities, jazzing up the process with picture buttons, face paintings and games. Sticking with this year's theme, registration was followed by a "ballpark" dinner. Participants could then either choose to hit up the movie "Brother Bear," or attend Dance Theatre's "Dawn of Dance: A Kaleidoscope of Color."

SGA Special Events Chair Nicole Udanis planned a beach party supplied with door prizes, pool toys and pizza. Because it had been postponed earlier this semester, the rescheduled date allowed for another activity. The night concluded with siblings either sliding into the MCC club room to karaoke, play pool or darts and munch on stadium snacks, or walking to the theater to watch "The Last Samurai."

"I altered the original beach party allowing for the lil' sibs to participate in the contests at the party," Udanis said. "The night was a blast and college students as well as the lil' sibs seemed to have enjoyed it."

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Panhellenic Council hosted an egg hunt during Lil' Sibs Weekend.

Even with all of Friday's activities, Saturday was even more jam-packed. Starting at 10:00 a.m., students could take siblings to Alpha Phi Omega's story hour, an Easter egg hunt or a sports card activity. Then a whirlwind of sports opportunities were offered including flag football, kickball, hula hoops and Frisbee. If playing sports was not appealing, siblings could cheer on the track or baseball teams. As the day before, "Brother Bear," "The Last Samurai," Dance Theater, and a swim party were also available choices. The day ended with a basketball exhibition, APO's retro dance, and night owl bowling.

"We went to brunch, the bookstore, the swim party, and night owl bowling," freshman Amanda Petrovich said. 'My cousins really enjoyed the ice cream cookies and pop for breakfast and jumping into the deep-end without lifejackets."

Sunday was much quieter with only brunch and Vespers taking place.

"Lil' Sib weekend is great, but the activities apply to younger kids," senior Steve Graven said. "My sister is fourteen, so most of the activities are too young for her, and she can't go out at night with me."

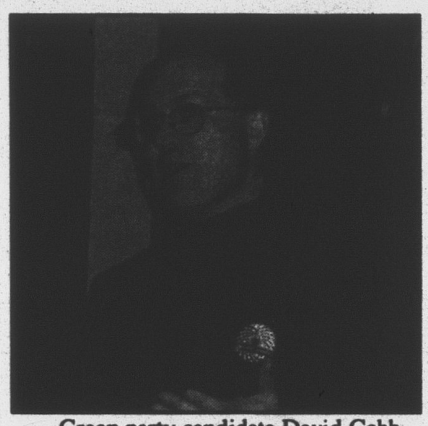
Green Party brings regional conference to campus

by Heather Evakich
Campus Writer

A group of student organizations led by the Green Party hosted the Regional Progressive Conference on Saturday, April 3 in Beeghly Theatre.

The conference started off with a welcome address by Ken Jae, Green Party chair and partial organizer of the event. There were six workshops throughout the day, focusing on various topics such as gay marriages, environmentalism, animal rights and organizing campus protests. Each workshop was hosted by a different organization, many of them run by students. Some of the organizations that attended the conference included Allies, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the CR Club, Amnesty International, and the Nonviolent Peaceforce, to name a few.

A variety of speakers attended the event, including Democratic candidate for Congress Steve Porter, State Senator candidate Jonah McAllister-Erickson, and keynote speaker and former death row inmate Nick Yarris, who helped shed light on the justice system. The conference lasted all day, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and finishing at 9:30 p.m.



Green party candidate David Cobb speaks before conference

"The purpose of the conference was to help bring different groups together for communication," senior Ken Jae said. He went on to say how the conference had been almost two months in the making before everything finally came together on Saturday. He said also that he wanted to make sure the campus was aware of what was going on in the world, which is one of the reasons why the conference was planned.

"It was completely constructive," Junior Jeremy Baker said. As a member of the Green Party, he helped to organize the event. He said it went well, with over fifty people coming to see the speakers and attend the workshops.

The conference closed with a bang as Nate Zuzack and Alan Higby opened for rock band The Narrows in the McKelvey Club Room at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the Green Party, contact Jae or Isaac Ludwig.

Students bowl to raise money for kids' sake

by Megan Deem
Campus Writer

Big Brother Big Sister of Lawrence County flooded Colonial Lanes in New Castle on Saturday, April 3 for the annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake." With the help of Westminster students and volunteers from Lawrence County, Big Brother Big Sister raised $25,000 to benefit their organization.

"I think we did excellent this year," said Suzie Mrozek, Big Brother Big Sister's program director. "Four years ago, we were bringing in only about $12,000. It's doubled in the last year."

Local businesses and college students entered as a team of four to six bowlers, totaling 88 teams. Westminster contributed 11 of these teams, with students representing organizations like Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Theta Chi Fraternity, Rotaract and Circle K.

Tricia Burich, a sophomore who recently joined BBBS, represented the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, who has participated for the past 10 years. "It was really fun," Burich said. "Our sorority eventually raised $140 to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters."

In addition to the bowling games, BBBS had a Chinese auction, a balloon artist, a disc jockey and even a Tarot Card reader. "It's our tenth year of operation," Mrozek said. "We put in a lot of time and effort into it."

Theta Chi entered four teams Saturday, raising over $500 for the organization.

"It seemed like a really good turn out," Craig Carlin, a sophomore Theta Chi member said. "It was the most crowded I've ever seen a bowling alley." Carlin has volunteered for BBBS for over a year.

"I thought [BBBS] would be pretty interesting to have a one on one relationship," Carlin said. "It's more of a direct relationship. You actually make a friend and impact their lives."

To volunteer with BBBS or for more information contact Suzie at 724-657-3680.

Theta Chi brothers bowl for kids' sake.

Acclaimed attorney speaks on media relations

by Michael Klass
Campus Writer

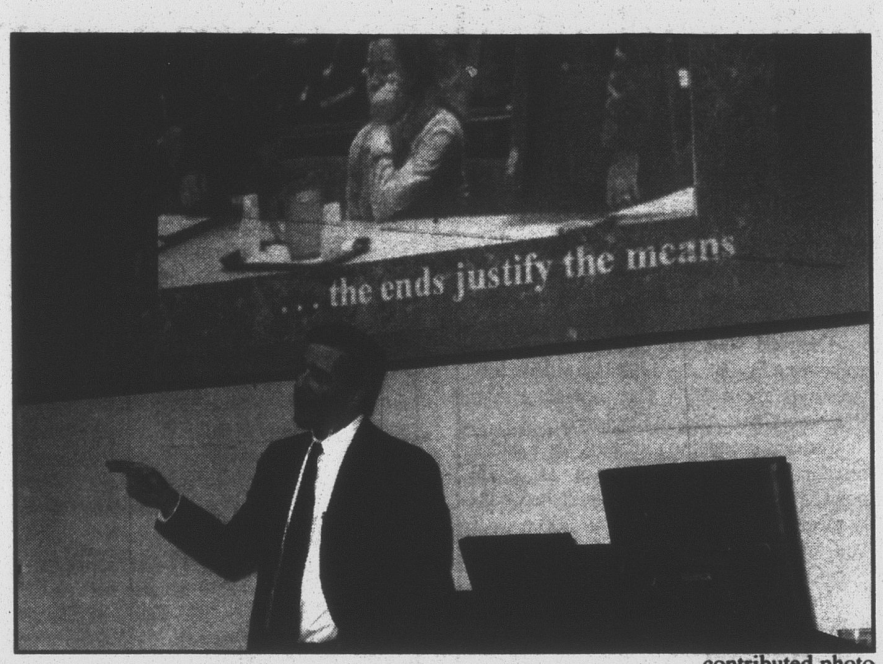
Thomas E. Pope, famous for being the prosecuting attorney in the Susan Smith trial, led the final of four media workshop presentations on Wednesday, March 31, in the McKelvey Theater.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, Pope was introduced by Lawrence County District Attorney Matt Mangino. Pope took the stand, explaining his position in government. Pope is the Solicitor of the 16th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina, a position he has held since January of 1993. His position as Solicitor is the equivalent of a District Attorney. Pope spent an hour and a half discussing his involvement with the media in his position, making many jokes along the way. He touched on his early career, cases he has prosecuted, lessons learned and the importance of following rules of conduct. A good deal of Pope's presentation focused on his prosecution of Smith, the woman convicted in 1994 of killing her two children by drowning them in a lake using her car. However, rather than present the facts of the case, Pope presented the media attention and its result.

"As a prosecutor, it's important that you focus on what the case is about," Pope said.

While the past workshops featured a presentation and then a panel consisting of various people from different fields, this presentation was run solely by Pope. This difference in setup reflected the difference in content.

"The previous presentations focused on how to get the media's attention," Mangino said. "This one, however, is about when the media comes looking for you."



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Nationally acclaimed attorney Thomas E. Pope discusses media relations techniques he used in a landmark case when Susan Smith drowned her children in 1994.

Of the various issues Pope touched on, he spoke a great deal about the ethics involved in his job. He related the first case he prosecuted, involving a con-man, and the mistake he made in a newspaper interview. However, he learned a valuable lesson from his mistake, especially during the media blitz of the Smith trial.

Roughly 60 people attended the workshop, many of which had positive things to say about the presentation and Pope.

"I thought the presentation was very well put together, and he knew what he was talking about," sophomore Sybil Feightner said.

Senior John Kish voiced a similar opinion.

"His presentation was very good," Kish said. "I haven't had that much fun learning in a long time."

Pope also scored laughs from the crowd, as he made jokes throughout the presentation, even if they were at his own expense, such as his southern upbringing.

Pope received his bachelor's in science in management in 1984 from the University of South Carolina School of Business. In 1987, he earned a Juris Doctorate from the U.S.C. School of Law.

Science majors make learning fun for area schools

by Lindsay Schuler
Campus Writer

Twenty-seven school districts swarmed the campus for the annual Science Olympiad on Friday, April 2.

The Science Olympiad is a nonprofit event that promotes science education and recognizes students and teachers who excel in the field. Over 20 events were planned, ranging from metric estimation to testing water quality.

Each school district was represented by a group of students who competed against other area schools in each event.

"The day was really for the participants to work in a different environment, rather than their everyday classrooms, and test their knowledge in a college level atmosphere," sophomore biology major Mindy Matejka said.

Westminster students facilitated and helped the event run smoothly.

"I really feel that the day was a success and the kids were so much more competitive than I thought they would be," said junior Sara Hayes, who worked with the metric estimation event.

Many people were involved in planning and working the event. The science and education fields not only guided the event, but also were able to work with their own disciplines to acquire more experience.

"I feel that by participating in the event, I got another chance to interact with younger students and view the strengths and weaknesses that they kids demonstrated," junior elementary education major Erica McCullough said.

Local artist integrates life experience into sculpture exhibit

by Jay Windl
Campus Writer

Imaginative yet thought provoking might be a way to describe the sculptures by the artist Patricia V. McLatchy on exhibit at the Patterson Hall Art Gallery.

The sculptures are "...in a state of transition," said McLatchy when describing her work. "It's nature and the human interaction."

While McLatchy has displayed her work throughout the world, this is the first time her sculptures have been on exhibit at Westminster. She said, "I'm an environmentalist, my work is evolving from one state of existence to another."

One of her sculptures "White Man" is actually made of shredded paper, a median she likes to use often. McLatchy states that there is an abundance of wasted paper used today, and she puts it to good use. "As a matter of fact "White Man" is made up of shredded paper from Westminster College," she laughs.

Reaction to the exhibit has been most interesting with different views. Freshman Angela Satteson said, "I just thought the show was great. The sculptures are incredibly beautiful. They remind me of something from Dante's Inferno and something else I can't really describe. I really don't see how people are afraid of them. Different is good."

Sophomore Colby King said, "It's a scary and interesting show at the same time.

Many friends and I agreed that the sculptures reminded us of music videos by Tool." He also states the importance of the arts. "I'm glad that the campus encourages many methods of expression including the arts showcased in the various art shows."

McLatchy is well known for her artistic prose. She has seen the love of her labors displayed both far and near. Her work has been exhibited at The British Museum in London, England. She has had shows in Helsinki, Finland, and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. Locally she has had her work on display at Thiel College, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, Clarion State University and in Pittsburgh.

She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with an M.F.A. in sculpture, and Clarion University of Pennsylvania with a B.F.A. in sculpture. While being interested in art classes, McLatchy said she got into sculpture by accident. A college advisor told her "I want you to take sculpture," and the rest is history.

photo by Josh Storey

Senior Rachel Lange observes the unique art on display in Patterson Art Gallery.

A resident of New Wilmington McLatchy lives with her husband Kevin, an accomplished painter himself, and their 5 year old son, Niles. When asked who Niles takes after artistically McLatchy states, "He's an architect of sorts, he likes to build things."

Your Student Government Association

by Andrea Ceplecci
Contributing Writer

It's almost time for everyone's favorite event: VolleyRock! VolleyRock will be held on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will also feature a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The bands lined up to play are: The Bonds Are Broken, Space Pimps, and The Starting Line. If you signed up for VolleyRock, the concert is included in the cost. Otherwise, you must purchase a $10 ticket in the Student Affairs Office. Non-Westminster students may also attend the concert for $10.

Congratulations to the winners of the logo contests! Teal Kawana won the Toilet Paper logo contest and Jordan Hinds picked up the prize for the SGA logo contest. Thanks to everyone who entered!

Since fall semester, SGA has been working on finding an appropriate memorial for Dr. Eugene Sharkey, who passed away last summer. The Senate finally decided to dedicate room 114 in Patterson Hall to Dr. Sharkey's memory. Dr. Sharkey served as a history professor at Westminster for 31 years and room 114 was the classroom where he taught.

SGA's new website is in the works! It will include pictures from events, as well as everything you ever wanted to know about your senators. The link for the website will be on the "Student Services" page and it should be up and running very soon.

The Finance Committee will be holding audits for all student organizations on May 3 and 4. It will also hold information sessions for organization treasurers regarding budgets and allocations. If you have any questions about the audits, please contact Finance Chair Rich Marmura.

The final SGA Day of the semester will be held on Friday, April 30. If you have any questions about SGA Day, contact Public Relations Chair Andrea Ceplecci.

There is an opening in SGA for a junior senator. Senators must have a 2.0 grade point average and be able to attend the weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact Judicial Chair Sara Camerota as soon as possible.

Next week's SGA meeting will begin at 6:45 instead of 7 p.m.

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Governor To Visit WC

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell will visit Westminster next Monday night giving a short speech— but no one's saying what he'll be talking about. The Governor will speak in the Campus Center's Whitherspoon Rooms at 7 p.m.

Petition Drive for Sig Nu

Sigma Nu is back in Greek Week thanks to petitions floating around campus in support of the fraternity's participation. Last week the Greek Judicial Review Board slapped Sig Nu with a fine while also banning the frat from Greek Week. The ban and fine are part of the punishment Sig Nu faces for unauthorized parties this semester. Now other fraternities and sororities are circulating the petitions for students to sign as they plan to appeal ask the board to reconsider. Sig Nu supporters say the ban unfairly punishes all Greek organizations as it creates an uneven number of organizations in Greek Week events.

Titan Radio Will Get More Power & New Tower

Titan Radio will get more powerful by next fall—Faculty Advisor and Communications Studies Department Chair David Barner says the FCC has approved an application for a new tower and more power. The new tower will sit on the hill above New Wilmington—across the road from the president's home. The power will increase to 200 watts. Barner says WWNW's signal will reach nearly into New Castle but the actual coverage will go even further. The tower and power project should wrap up by next September.

John Kerry/Bon Jovi Political Tour Comes to Western Pa.

This Friday rocker Jon Bon Jovi joins Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry as they rally with college students at Pitt. While Bon Jovi and other rock stars supporting Kerry will perform, the visit to the University of Pittsburgh is part of a national campus tour promotion.

County Treasurer Scandal

The Lawrence County Commission is now calling for County Treasurer Gary Felasco to resign in the wake of the sex-party scandal exposed last week by the New Castle News. The newspaper reports that Felasco used a county cell phone for organizing "adult-oriented" parties at an area motels. Lawrence County District Attorney Matt Mangino has also called for Felasco to resign. The D.A. is investigating the matter.

Another Local Solider Killed

A local soldier from nearby Venango County is one of the latest casualties in the war Iraq. The 21-year old Oil City man died last Friday when his Army M-P unit was ambushed. The family of Jonathan Kephart is still waiting for the Pentagon to give them details about how he died. His father says he had only been in Iraq 10-days when his patrol was ambushed near Baghdad.

Greek Justice Brings Heavy Fines

The Greek Judicial Review Board has leveled heavy fines against Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon. The board reviewed complaints about unregistered parties, underage drinking and hiring strippers at one of the houses. Dean of Security John Lechner says the board handed the Sig Eps two separate fines— the first for $600 the second for $500.

Meanwhile Sig Nu was slapped with a $1400 fine and has been banned from taking part in Greek Week. Sig Nu was already riding out a social activity suspension from the national fraternity.

IUP Frat House Fire

A house fire at an IUP fraternity over the weekend is now blamed on a faulty boiler. 13 fraternity members came back from Easter break to find the Sigma Chi house damaged by fire, smoke and water. IUP officials are making arrangements for temporary housing for those displaced students.

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REGIONAL

Institution of stun guns has cut down on police use of chemical irritants

CINCINNATI (AP) Police use of chemical irritants has dropped 30 percent in the three months since officers started carrying stun guns, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported on Saturday.

Officers also fight with suspects less, and have not used beanbag guns and similar devices since the Taser guns were introduced Jan. 8. Tasers were fired in 71 incidents through the end of March, said the newspaper's analysis of police reports.

The devices fire metal barbs attached by a wire that deliver 50,000 volts of electrical charge, usually temporarily immobilizing suspects so officers can gain control.

About half of Cincinnati's 1,050 officers have been trained to use Tasers and now carry them on their belts. But as more law-enforcement agencies start using them, questions are emerging about the Tasers' health effects.

Cincinnati is among 4,000 government groups using the weapons, including the Army in Iraq. About 500 departments have put Tasers on every officer's belt, said Taser International, based in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Cincinnati bought 1,100 Tasers after the November death of Nathaniel Jones, who died of a heart attack brought on by a struggle with officers. His obesity and drug use also contributed to his death, officials ruled.

"I don't have to get down and wrestle and fight, skin my knees and risk getting hurt," said officer Richard Dews, who has used his Taser twice. "It's better for us and it's better for the bad guys."

Some activist groups say police, trained to use Tasers early, should instead wait until they're threatened. The American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado asked the Denver Police Department in February to limit their use of Tasers when several suspects died after being stunned. Last year, Amnesty International asked for a halt on Taser use until health effects could be studied.

The shocks haven't caused injury in Cincinnati, Ventre said, but some of those hit have complained of injuries from the metal barbs and falls. One woman had to have a Taser barb removed from her breast. Another woman broke her jaw in the fall after being stunned.

A 31-year-old man shot with a Taser in the back, calf and thigh in February complained to arresting officers that his asthma was giving him trouble breathing. He later claimed in court that he had to have his right testicle removed because of infection from a Taser barb. Injuries from being wrestled to the ground by officers likely would be worse, Ventre said.

State lawmakers pushing for stricter monitoring of sex offenders' whereabouts

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Some Republican state lawmakers are pushing for changes to a law that requires Pennsylvania to monitor sex offenders' whereabouts, citing a recent audit criticizing the state police's tracking efforts.

The House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday will consider a package of bills that includes measures to authorize the state attorney general's office to monitor Pennsylvania's compliance with Megan's Law and impose penalties for sex offenders who fail to register with authorities or who provide false information. Gov. Ed Rendell has said he supports the proposals, but also wants to expand the law's community notification requirements.

"Tracking sexual offenders is more complex than initially contemplated after the enactment of the Pennsylvania Megan's Law," Rep. Doug Reichley, R-Lehigh, said at a news conference Thursday. "Our current tracking system for sexual offenders can be improved."

Reichley is sponsoring a bill that would require the attorney general's office to conduct twice-yearly compliance audits of agencies such as the state police, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, and the Department of Corrections.

The legislation was introduced in response to an unsuccessful effort by Auditor General Robert P. Casey Jr. to force state police to turn over information on all of Pennsylvania's sex offenders for an audit.

An interim report released April 2 by Casey focused on sexually violent predators, who are subject to more stringent monitoring than a larger class of 7,025 sex offenders. It found that state police mishandled the required community notifications during a recent nine-month period, in some cases by delaying them and in others by not informing certain entities such as schools and child-care centers.

Casey sent Rendell a letter on Thursday asking him to support legislation that would allow his audit to continue. Adrian King, a deputy chief of staff to Rendell, said the governor had no comment on the letter Friday.

Other bills would require dangerous offenders to wear monitoring devices equipped with Global Positioning System technology and would ensure that state police are notified immediately when an offender is determined to be sexually violent.

Although it is unclear how soon the House would take up the bills if they are voted out of committee, aides to Republican and Democratic House leaders said they had bipartisan support.

—Regional Briefs

Concealed weapon legislation

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A coalition opposed to the state's new concealed weapons law has asked the Ohio Supreme Court to stop the state's sheriffs from selling permits, saying the resources for conducting background checks on applicants are inadequate.

The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence filed the complaint on Friday, the day after the long-debated legislation became law.

The court last year upheld the state's ban on concealed weapons in a case filed by a group of concealed weapons advocates in Cincinnati. The court ruled 5-2 that while Ohioans have a right to own guns, the Legislature was within the Ohio Constitution when it prohibited concealing them in public places.

Lawmakers passed the new law after nine years of debate, and Gov. Bob Taft signed it on Jan. 7. It went into effect 90 days later.

The law does not provide adequate resources for checking the records of applicants who have a history of mental illness, the coalition said in a news release Monday. The law bars people who have been institutionalized against their will from obtaining permits.

The law also does not provide enough money for sheriffs to process the applications, the group said. The $45 applicants pay for the permits are split among law enforcement groups that conduct the checks and process the permits.

Messages were left for the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and Toby Hoover, the coalition's executive director.

Sentence reduction plea

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A former American Cancer Society of Ohio executive convicted more than three years ago of stealing $7.9 million from the agency is asking that his 13 1/2-year sentence be reduced or thrown out.

Daniel Wiant, 39, imprisoned in Pennsylvania, filed a motion last week in U.S. District Court that says his sentence is too harsh. He argues that his defense attorneys let him down and that the U.S. attorney's office went back on a promise to limit his sentence to no more than nine years.

Wiant admits that he stole $900,000, but he hinted that he was coerced into sending $6.9 million to a bank in Austria in 2003 by a Georgia financial adviser who has been on the run since 1993.

The agency was unaware that Wiant had a record of fraud before it hired him in 1994. He was promoted to chief financial officer in 2000.

Wiant and the money disappeared in June 2000. He agreed to return to the United States after discovering the FBI had frozen the Austrian bank account that contained the stolen funds.

He pleaded guilty to four charges that August.

County satellite photos

PITTSBURGH (AP) Allegheny County officials approved a $500,000 deal to have a company take satellite photos of the county.

DigitalGlobe's satellite takes photos from 280 miles away. The satellite was launched in 2001, and orbits Earth 15 times a day at a speed of 17,000 miles per hour.

County officials decided last year to update their aerial photos but didn't expect a satellite company to bid on the project. The photos will be used to help officials better respond to emergencies, among other things.

The company's satellite has been used to help troops in Iraq under a $70 million contract signed in 2001. The company recently completed another deal with the government, worth $500 million, for a new satellite.

"We constantly (take photos) of cities and counties and other areas of interest and store that in our image library," Jeff Liedtke, DigitalGlobe's director of civil applications, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Wal-Mart protest

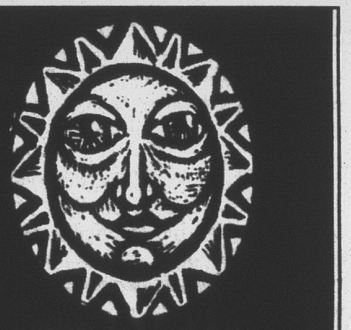
KILBUCK, Pa. (AP) Several residents near Kilbuck have devoted about 30 hours a week to an effort to prevent Wal-Mart from building a store there.

The residents formed a group called Communities First! about two years ago when Wal-Mart announced plans to build a $28 million supercenter on the site of the former Dixmont State Hospital.

The group has filed a lawsuit to prevent construction from beginning. The project was supposed to have broken ground last year, but ASC Development of Emsworth still hasn't applied for the permits it needs.

Louise Fowkes, a 40-year-old homemaker from Emsworth, said the group wants to keep Wal-Mart out to preserve the community and their roads, which they say will be too crowded with development at the site.

"We are against any type of big box retailer using this site," said Bob Keir, a member of the group.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Attorneys for Terry Nichols hope effective cross-examination will help case

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) Defense attorneys for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols are using effective cross-examination of key prosecution witnesses to bolster Nichols' case.

Oklahoma prosecutors have questioned 86 witnesses about evidence that Nichols helped bomber Timothy McVeigh plan and execute the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.

Defense attorneys have used some of those same witnesses in an attempt to support their claim that McVeigh had substantial help from unknown coconspirators in planning the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Their questions have raised the possibility that circumstantial evidence prosecutors say link Nichols to the plot to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building may have other, less sinister explanations.

The technique is a way to score points with jurors and raise the specter of reasonable doubt, said Larry Pozner of Denver, co-author of "Cross-Examination: Science and Techniques" and past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"You live and die by your cross-examination," Pozner said. "The most important technique in cross-examination is preparation. What you do on your feet is reflective of what you've done in the office."

Doug Parr of Oklahoma City, president of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, said effective cross-examination is crucial in a circumstantial evidence case like Nichols'.

"Are there other reasonable alternatives? That's the general thrust of the defense," Parr said.

Defense attorneys who ask tough questions are not trying to trick the state's witnesses, Pozner said.

"It's not about gamesmanship. It's about getting the truth out," he said.

Nichols, 49, is already serving a life prison sentence on federal bombing charges. He was convicted in 1997 of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy charges for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing.

In Oklahoma, Nichols is charged with 161 counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of the other 160 victims and the fetus of one victim. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Testimony in he case resumes Monday, when defense attorneys will cross examine Nichols' second wife, Marife Torres.

Hawaiian lawmakers handle every kind of ordeal under the tropical sun

HONOLULU (AP) From a democracy advocate jailed in China and buffalo being slaughtered for meat in Yellowstone to making a special day for sea turtles and having Hawaii students make robots, the things Hawaii lawmakers fret about are as wide-ranging as life itself.

While the real substance of the Legislature's 60-day annual session is handled with bills - budgets, pay raises, red light cameras, drug abuse and gas prices - legislators use resolutions to collectively voice their concern about matters at home and afar.

For instance, the House has a resolution "to prohibit the possession, propagation, sale, transfer or harboring of nonhuman primates in Hawaii, with certain exceptions" because "most owners of nonhuman primates lack the knowledge, skill, and devotion necessary to prevent zoonosis, or the transmission of disease from primates to humans."

Let's hear a cheer for Hawaii's 13,000 hardworking janitors, according to another House resolution that would make May 7, 2004, "Cleaners' Appreciation Day in the state of Hawaii."

"These individuals carry out a number of arduous tasks and perform duties such as facilities maintenance and cleaning and custodial services," it says.

On the international scene, a House resolution calls on "the People's Republic of China [to] immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer," a Muslim businesswoman and mother of 10 who was sentenced to eight years in prison after being arrested in 1999 for violating national security after she sent Chinese newspapers to her husband.

The House and Senate both have resolutions asking the governor to initiate sister state relations with Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Za Jer in the Kingdom of Morocco. It would be Hawaii's 13th sister state.

Just why seems to be a stretch, but the resolution notes that at the 2003 International Youth Congress in Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Za Jer, "His Majesty King Mohammed VI and his prime minister, His Excellency Mr. Driss Jettou ... graciously" hosted Hawaii's representative.

It also notes that Driss Semlani, a teacher from El Malek Assaadi High School in Kenitra, Morocco, spent a semester in Hawaii in 2002 as part of a teacher exchange program; that Atiqa Hachimi, a Moroccan doctoral candidate in linguistics at the University of Hawaii, has been working to expand the Arabic language program at UH; and that Jan Rumi, who attended the World Youth Congress, is due to be confirmed as Morocco's counsel in Honolulu.

National briefs

Citizen of the year off to jail

POMONA, Calif. (AP) A man once named El Monte "Citizen of the Year" was sentenced Monday to 985 years to life in prison for assaulting his family last year.

Rocky Sanchez, 36, was convicted last month on 41 felony charges, including rape of his wife and teenage stepdaughter, assault, attempted torture, aggravated mayhem and weapons-related counts. He was also convicted of a single misdemeanor count.

Prosecutors said Sanchez began terrorizing his family last summer. He raped and repeatedly beat his wife after she confessed to having an affair near the end of the year, prosecutors said.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Falls on Monday also added 17 years to the sentence, including 10 years for two prior felony convictions and another seven for weapons-related enhancements.

Authorities said they found handguns, rifles, shotguns and at least one homemade cannon at Sanchez's home. As a convicted felon, he was barred from owning a firearm.

In 1998, the El Monte City Council honored Sanchez for giving police a license plate number in a gang-related shooting and testifying in court against the suspected gunman.

Pomona is located about 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, and about 10 miles east of El Monte.

Harley-Davidson lawsuit

MILWAUKEE (AP) Five motorcycle owners have filed a lawsuit against Harley-Davidson Inc., claiming they were fraudulently induced to buy or lease defective bikes.

The lawsuit, filed by attorney Ted. M. Warshafsky Monday in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, seeks to overcome a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling last month that dismissed an earlier claim that the company knew or should have known motorcycle cams made in 1999 and early 2000 were defective.

The court ruled 5-1 that the claim was too uncertain and speculative to sue for damages.

In the new lawsuit, the owners said the company failed to disclose the defect and fraudulently sold or leased the motorcycles. They also claim Harley-Davidson breached its warranties and profited from selling the defective motorcycles.

A message left late Monday for Harley-Davidson by The Associated Press was not returned.

The plaintiffs are seeking class-action status, claiming owners of motorcycles with the defective engines risk sudden breakdowns and a loss of value.

Harley sent letters to customers informing them in early 2001 that the rear cam in a small number of motorcycles had failed. The company extended its warranty for the part and separately developed a $495 kit for dealers and service departments to repair the original cams.

Bald eagle returned to the wild

PHOENIX (AP) A young bald eagle that was rescued by wildlife officials while it was still in the egg was returned to the wild Monday.

Biologists placed the nestling in an existing nest near Horseshoe Lake, northeast of Phoenix, and then waited to make sure its foster parents would accept it, officials said.

"We're very happy to have helped this nestling," said James Driscoll, who coordinates the Arizona Game and Fish Department's bald eagle management program. "Every nestling we successfully rescue benefits Arizona's bald eagle population."

The eagle hatched last month at a Scottsdale rehabilitation center from an egg that was taken from a nest by state wildlife officials in February.

The male parent had been found severely injured and was euthanized. Bald eagles share incubation responsibility and will only incubate for a short time without the other adult.

Arizona has 41 breeding pairs of bald eagles.

Same-sex adoptions in OK

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) The Oklahoma Senate approved an amendment Tuesday that says the state will not recognize same sex adoptions from other states or countries.

Sen. James Williamson, GOP leader of the Senate, said "a key component of the radical homosexual agenda is to take away the right of states to regulate and define adoptions - just as they are trying to redefine marriage across the nation."

Williamson's amendment to clarify state law was attached to a bill dealing with how foreign adoptions are registered in the state.

Only five senators voted against the amendment, then the bill was passed, 44-0.

Republican legislators have criticized a recent legal opinion by Attorney General Drew Edmondson, that said the state's adoption code required state courts to recognize adoptions in other states, regardless of whether they involve same-sex couples.

The Department of Health sought the opinion, saying it needed direction on how to handle the issuance of birth certificates requested by same-sex couples who adopted the children from Oklahoma.

Edmondson issued another opinion at the time stating that Oklahoma law bars same-sex marriages and does not recognize homosexual unions in other states.

Indiana University turns blind eye to nude photos

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) Indiana University officials have decided not to pursue any disciplinary action against a female student who posed in her dorm room for nude photos posted on a Web site.

The site is run by a Raleigh, N.C., company and has photos of the freshman, who uses a pseudonym, posed topless and seminude.

"It was agreed that this is a situation like those in the past when students have posed for Playboy," Dean of Students Richard McKaig said Monday. "The university does not condone the activity but it is also outside of the university to control it."

McKaig said that he considered the photos of the student in a shower area and a residence hall room as "incidental uses" of IU property that were not exploitative and could not be clearly identified as IU property. An evacuation notice on the back of a door is the only place where "IU" can be seen in print.

The student, whose name was not given in newspaper and television interviews, said that she posed for the photos to make money to pay for school and that she did not consider them pornographic.

INTERNATIONAL

Political dissidents use Christian holidays to disguise forums as religious gatherings

HOUBAIHUJIAN VILLAGE, China (AP) Over a wooden table laden with steaming plates of stewed pork, mashed tofu and vegetable fritters, seven men and one woman bowed their heads, clasped hands and did something risky in communist-ruled China - they prayed.

"Our people have suffered so much," said host Wang Meiru, her eyes squeezed shut. "So many of them are in prison. So many of them are in pain. Please, God, be with them."

The setting for the Easter lunch was idyllic: the breezy courtyard of Wang's squat brick home, tucked in a maze of fruit trees and farmland 90 minutes northwest of Beijing.

The event was rare, politically charged and, in the eyes of China's leadership, potentially dangerous: some of the country's few remaining active dissidents gathering to offer mutual support and voice discontent with their government.

Only some in the group are Christians, but members use Christian holidays to disguise political forums as religious gatherings. Open worship outside of China's government-sanctioned churches is rare and perilous.

Collectively, the guests have been detained hundreds of times, been beaten by police or put under house arrest for speaking out or posting essays on the Internet. Many are aging or ill.

They include Ren Wanding, imprisoned 11 years for advocating democracy, and Ye Guozhu, who spoke out for people who lost their homes to make way for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

With the upcoming 15-year anniversary of the bloody June 4, 1989, crackdown on Tiananmen Square democracy demonstrators, the activists believe the government will step up its monitoring of dissidents.

"You won't be able to see us in a month," said 57-year-old Yang Jing, imprisoned eight years for helping print a reformist magazine during the 1978-1979 Democracy Wall movement, a predecessor of the 1989 protests.

The Beijing leadership has defended its hostility to political opposition and control over anything that might foment dissent - the Internet, churches and spiritual groups such as Falun Gong - as essential to protecting peace, safety and China's breakneck economic growth.

Telephone calls went unanswered Sunday evening in the media office of Beijing's Public Security Bureau.

Activists Xiang Nanfu and Ye tell of tapped phones and surveillance.

"To venture out near the Tiananmen anniversary would be asking for a beating," said Wang, a plump, carefully made-up 62-year-old who says she has been branded a "modern counterrevolutionary" by authorities.

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International briefs

Russians kidnapped in Iraq

MOSCOW (AP) The Russian Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that eight Russian workers have been kidnapped in Iraq, the Interfax news agency reported.

The report, citing an unnamed ministry official, came hours after the Arab television channel al-Jazeera reported that 11 Russians had been seized during a clash in Baghdad. The Interfax report identified them as employees of the Interenergoservis company.

Al-Jazeera said two Iraqi security guards working for the Russians "may have been" killed during a gunfight with the kidnappers at the company's Baghdad office.

More than 30 foreigners from at least 12 countries have been kidnapped in recent days by insurgents.

Ancient Peruvian site destroyed

LIMA, Peru (AP) Grave robbers destroyed a 1,000-year-old mural at an ancient Peruvian ceremonial site, a museum archaeologist said Monday.

The thieves entered the Huaca Bandera site, 425 miles northeast of Lima, sometime over the past few days, Marco Fernandez, from the Bruning Museum in Peru's Lambayeque region, told The Associated Press.

He said they probably used picks or wooden poles in a futile effort to steal the mural - a black, yellow and white dragon in sculpted relief on a painted red background - but only succeeded in destroying it,

The mural design was characteristic of the Lambayeque group, which ruled Peru's north Pacific coastal region hundreds of years before the rise of the Incan empire.

Fernandez said the site was once an administrative area and a temple but appeared to be little more than an earthen mound when archeologists first excavated it 10 years ago and discovered the mural.

Fernandez said the damage was irreversible and that the museum had filed a criminal complaint with the police - one of 1,000 they have brought before the authorities in recent years. The remote sight was not guarded due to a lack of funds.

Trade agreements with Cuba

HAVANA (AP) U.S. farm representatives hoping to build long-term trade relationships with communist Cuba were traveling here Monday for talks island officials say could lead to as much as $100 million in new sales.

More than 300 people representing about 150 producers of American farm goods were expected at the three-day event beginning Tuesday afternoon, Cuban authorities said.

Among farm interests participating is the USA Rice Federation, which represents about 85 percent of U.S. producers.

"The importance of Cuba in terms of rice is huge for us - it's huge for them," said federation representative Marvin Leherer. "We're committed to a long term relationship with Cuba.

"Cuba was the No. 1 market for American rice prior to sanctions," he added, referring to U.S. trade restrictions imposed more than four decades ago.

Also among those scheduled to participate in the talks were Cargill Inc., of Minnetonka, Minn.; Archer Daniels Midland of Decatur, Ill.; and Kaehler's Homedale Farms in St. Charles, Minn.

The talks are organized by the Cuban food import company Alimport, which arranged a similar round of talks in December to mark the second anniversary of the first U.S. commercial food shipments to post-revolutionary Cuba.

Two killed, five injured in shootout

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) One militant and one policeman were killed Monday, and five police were wounded in shootout on a Riyadh highway, security officials said.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police were chasing three other militants who fled in a Chevrolet sedan.

The shootout began mid-afternoon Monday on a highway connecting several affluent suburbs in eastern Riyadh, officials told The Associated Press.

During the clash, one suspect fired a rocket-propelled grenade toward police, but it was unclear if that attack was responsible for the five wounded police, security officials said.

Earlier police reports that four militants were detained proved unfounded.

Smoke was seen rising from the area of the clash and traffic was snarled in both directions as police blocked the road and surrounding suburbs in an attempt to trap the militants.

It was not yet clear what the militants were wanted for or if they are on a list Saudi authorities released of 26 most-wanted terrorists following bombings in Riyadh on May 12, 2003, that killed 26 people.

Monday's clash was the second in two weeks. One militant was killed and a companion was wounded during a shootout last week in Riyadh.

Hostages released in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Kidnappers have released up to 12 foreigners taken hostage in Iraq, a member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council said Monday.

Meanwhile, two U.S. troops and seven employees of American contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root were missing following an attack "two days ago" on a convoy near Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said Monday. He refused to say whether they had been abducted.

In an interview with the Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera, Governing Council member Mohsen Abdul-Hamid did not identify the nationalities of the hostages or where they were.

"Twelve foreign hostages have been released today and we hope that the rest of the hostages will be released soon," said Abdul-Hamid, a Sunni Muslim, who is also the head of the Iraqi Islamic Party.

Earlier, Muthanna Harith, spokesman for Islamic Clerics Committee, said insurgents have released nine hostages of various nationalities, including Turks and Pakistanis. It was not clear if he and Abdul-Hamid were referring to the same hostages.

More than 30 foreigners from at least 12 countries - including a Mississippi man whose fate also was unclear - have been kidnapped in recent days by insurgents.

SPORTS

Baseball, softball and golf continue season during break

by **Jarrod Takah**
Sports Writer

Over the Easter weekend, while Phil Mickelson captured his first major golf title and the Pirates stayed above .500 for over a week, several Titan teams were in action.

The baseball team played three games against President's Athletic Conference opponent, the Thiel Tomcats.

The softball team played a Monday affair against Mount Union.

The men's golf team placed ninth in a Division III field of 15.

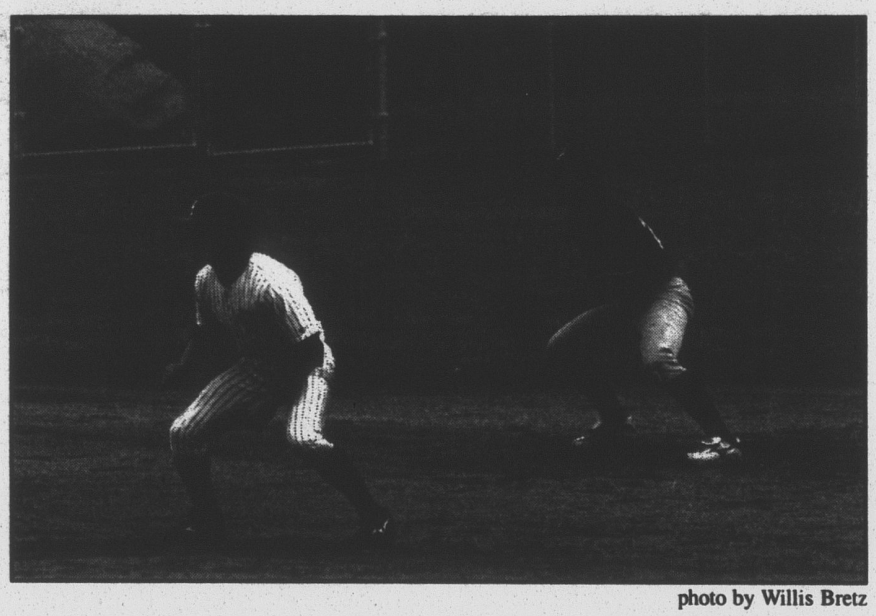
Against Thiel, the baseball team captured two victories in three games. The Titans won by counts of 14-4 and 5-2, while losing a lone game by the count of 12-10.

In their first game, the Titans utilized the homerun en route to victory. Four Titan diamond men cracked homeruns. Junior shortstop Ron Florian belted a solo homerunand junior designated hitter Brad Hochendoner hit a three-run shot. Senior infielder John Hanlon contributed a two-run dong, while senior catcher Ben Yeckel added a solo shot.

Freshman left-hander Tony Cunningham improved to 2-0 on the season, going the distance, allowing four runs on eight hits, while marking three K's.

In their Saturday doubleheader, the Titans split with the Tomcats. In the first game, sophomore lefty Brenton Gilmore earned the victory, while senior hurler Pat Boyle earned his first save of the season.

At the plate, junior outfielder Kevin Gesacion, Hanlon, and Florian contributed multi-hit games.



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Junior Brooks LeViere was one of three Westminster players to hit a homerun last Saturday against Thiel.

In the second game, senior outfielder Tony Deane, junior outfielder Brooks LeViere, and junior first baseman Brian Andrews added homeruns in the Titan loss.

"We needed to get somewins to dig ourselves out of the hole we were in, and it felt good to finally get some wins," junior pitcher Jason Mackey said. "We need to keep hitting the ball how we've been hitting it and continue getting the quality starts from the pitchers weve been getting, and then we will be right where we need to be."

On Monday, the softball team fell to Mount Union. The loss snapped the Lady Titans four-game win streak.

Freshman pitcher Jennifer Pancake fell to 11-3 on the season. Pancake went 2-for-2 at the plate in the game.

Over the Easter weekend, the men's golf team competed in the Division III Mid-Atlantic Invitational. They placed ninth out of 15 teams. Junior Scott Voelker was low score for the Titans. Voelker's two day total was 158.

"We didn't really go out there and play how we wanted to," Gary McGovern said. "We're looking to improve over the course of the rest of the year."

The Easter weekend marked a time of competition for many Titan athletes. In many ways, spring is the time of all seasons of sport. While some Titan athletes are busy in competition, others are already busy preparing for next year's seasons.

In the ongoing spring sports season and the upcoming seasons for which many Titans are preparing, let's hope the Titans make like Phil Mickelson and succeed in a major way.

Will the Pirates' fast start lead to yet another long summer?

by **Steven Brink**
Sports Writer

Year after year the Pirates have been teasing their fans with their fast starts and their name atop the NL Central Standings throughout the first month of the season. But year after year the Pirates have repeatedly fallen to the cellar of the division. Last off-season, Pittsburgh went out and spent money on free agents Kenny Lofton and Reggie Sanders to give their fans at least some hope for success. But judging from the team's record last year, the plan clearly didn't work.

The 2004 season doesn't look very promising for Pirates fans. Not only are Lofton and Sanders gone, but also star outfielder Brian Giles, closer Mike Williams, and young-gun third basemen Aramis Ramirez were traded away during the middle of last season. However, the new-look Pirates have a lot of youth in their lineup. Outfielders Jason Bay (25) and Tike Redman (27) really have the potential to get the city of Pittsburgh very excited about the future.

And the future is the direction that the 2004 Pirates will be looking in. Pittsburgh is not a playoff-caliber team this season. In fact, it is very unlikely that they will finish higher than fourth in the NL Central. There's just not enough talent on this team to expect anything more than that. But even with that being said, the future does look bright for the Bucos. The two oldest players on the Pirates roster are their two big free agent pickups of the off-season: Jose Mesa and Raul Mondesi. Not only will Mesa and Mondesi join starting catcher Jason Kendall to provide much-needed leadership on a youth laden team, they also have plenty of big-game experience. Mesa has 16 years of major league experience and has pitched over 1300 innings in his career, while Mondesi was a key ingredient in the New York Yankees' World Series run of a year ago.

The strength of the Pirates team is once again their pitching. Mesa is looking to fill the shoes of former closer Mike Williams. Mesa was the dominating force in the Phillies bullpen for the past few seasons, and he'll look to carry that success over to the steel city. Once again starters Kris Benson and Kip Wells will lead the way in 2004. This time however, they are joined by Oliver Perez, the 22 year-old southpaw from Culiacan, Mexico. Perez is another talented youngster that will give all Pirates fans a reason to be excited.

I'm sure the saying "Wait till' next year" certainly gets old for Pirates fans. But the same thing needs to be said about this year's squad. The Pirates will remain competitive, but there is just too much pitching on teams such as Chicago, Houston, and St. Louis for the Bucos to realistically compete in the NL Central this season.

Pittsburgh has a nice core of quality players and a talent-riched farm system that will put them in position to compete for a playoff spot in the upcoming seasons. Let's just hope that Kendall and Benson are still around to see it.

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 19
Greek Organizations' Meetings
GREEK WEEK
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Diversity Symposium Event: Operation Breaking Stereotypes — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Diversity Symposium Event: Operation Breaking Stereotypes — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
4:00 PM Allies Meeting — Patterson 311
4:00 PM S.W.A.T. Tour Guide Informational Meeting — MCC 219
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Diversity Symposium Event: Operation Breaking Stereotypes — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:00 PM Reception for PA Governor Rendell — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:30 PM Women's Chorus Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club
Tuesday, April 20
GREEK WEEK
4:30 PM Fireside Chat with President Williamson and Dean Edman — MCC Berlin Lounge
5:30 PM SAA Meeting
6:00 PM College Democrats Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM International Film Festival: Richard III (1912 silent version with score by Marconi) — MCC 219
8:30 PM Student Pre-Law Meeting — PH 231
9:00 PM Newman Club — Miller Board Room (McGill Library)
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal — Chapel
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Committee Meeting — MCC 352
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
Wednesday, April 21
GREEK WEEK
Miss Titan Competition — Orr Auditorium
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: John Bonomo and Carolyn Cuff, — MCC 219
5:30 PM SWAT Banquet — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
6:00 PM BSU Recognition Dinner — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC 219
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting — MCC 352
Thursday, April 22
GREEK WEEK
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: Book Discussion for Onion John by Joseph Krumgold — Mugsies
5:00 PM Seekers Exec Meeting — MCC 352
5:30 PM College Republicans — TC 210
6:30 PM SIFE Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM Biology Seminar: — MCC 219
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

The sisters of Sigma Kappa invite you to attend

Miss Titan 2004

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Wednesday, April 21st,
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The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank the following brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity for their help in making our philanthropy event a success:

Tony Griffith
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Their time and effort was greatly appreciated.

The Sisters of Kappa Delta would also like to send their sincere thanks to Andy Pazul and the members of his band, Further Down, for their awesome performance for our philanthropy event.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

History Day... Organization is the key!

What happened to the guy that cleaned the Russell bathrooms?

Thank you for taking the scary sculptures out of Patterson!

How are they going to get those balloons on the ceiling of the TUB down?

Have you ever chewed on real mint leaves? We picked them in the wild!

Sexual harassment is for stupid-heads.

Thank goodness someone edits these rants before they rave.

Shoutout to those crazy student teachers!

Out the door!

I'm scared of Jell-O and ketchup.

What happened to this campus? The students used to know how to party, but the past few classes have been exceedingly dull.
- An annoyed alum

What's with the info desk people not knowing about the cookbooks.

No more Dr. Pepper in Titan's Tavern... Cry.

"They Germinated me."

If I feel one more suicidal worm squish under my feet...

Snow in April = Booo!

I love cookies.

I hope the weather gets nice soon. I wanna wear my new flip flops!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Letter to Mother Nature

Dear Mother Nature,

While we appreciate the lack of blizzards this past winter, there are a few problems we would like to address with the current weather situation:

First of all, what's up with the white rain? That can't be snow falling outside, not now. That was supposed to stop last month. Who are we trying to kid? April fools was at the beginning of the month. Snow? In April? Is this some sort of divine retribution for all the Sodexho jokes? We will stop complaining about the price of chicken nuggets if we can walk outside without a scarf and three pairs of long underwear. Ok, maybe Drew won't stop, but then he likes the cold.

Also, we are getting a lot of complaints from the male students. The men were looking forward to "bird watching" from the now opened balcony in McKelvey. But, with the temperature still below 60 their ornithological interests have been put on hold. Apparently the cold weather is also forcing female students to use tanning salons instead of getting cancer the natural way. This may or may not have something to do with the male students grievances.

Where has the sun gone? Is it on vacation? And if it is, do you think you could call the temp agency? We have noticed a drop in the sun's performance as of late. It is constantly sneaking off behind the clouds, most likely to smoke a cigarette or spread gossip about which stars are cheating on the other stars.

> With the way things are going, the administration will be counting the daily "walk" to class as aquatic PE credits.

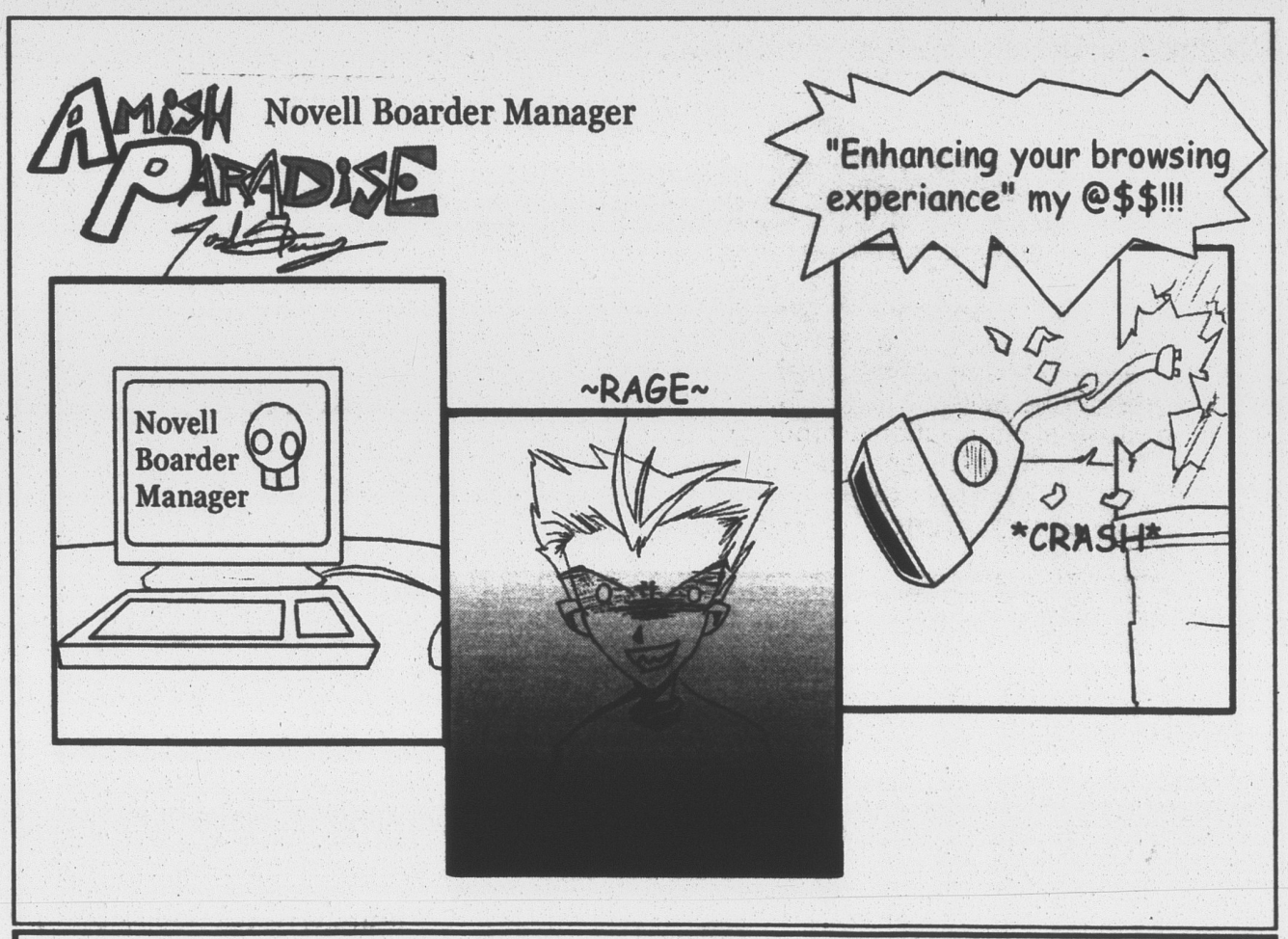
Something has to be said about this lack of responcibility on the sun's part, and as Mother Nature, we leave it to you to repremand it. Our records show that this season's temperatures are (on average) 20 degrees colder than last year. That is completely unacceptable and must be looked at.

Most of the students here were planning on sending their heavy clothes home during Easter break. Unfortunately the sun's negligance this spring season has caused our closets to be stuffed with thick sweaters and hoodies galore.

Oh, and in case you didn't get the memo, the 40 days and nights of rain went out with bell-bottoms and saddle shoes. A few dry days would be nice and good for the complexion. With the way things are going, the administration will be counting the daily "walk" to class as aquatic PE credits.

The CPU-W (the Coalition for Protection of Unearthed Worms) is organizing a protest as the endless precipitation is causing countless deaths among the poor creatures.

The recent boost in temperature ratings as of the past two days have helped, but you're still on probation as far as we're concerned, missy.



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The Department of Physical Education will be offering **American Red Cross** Recertification Classes for Adult CPR and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The CPR classes will be held on Monday, April 26, 5:30-8:30 PM in teh Field House classrooms. Cost of the Adult CPR class is $30. Cost of the CPR for the Professional Rescuer class is $40.

Adult CPR: In order to participate, you must possess a current American Red Cross Adult CPR Certificate that you will need to bring to class. You will also need to bring your CPR workbook, pocket mask, and a pen or pencil.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer: In order to participate you must possess a current American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certificate that you will need to bring to class. You will also need to bring your CPR for teh Professional Rescuer textbook, pocket mask, and a pen or pencil.

For registration information, contact Coach Klamut at campus extension 7315 (724-946-7315 if off campus) or e-mail klamutrg@wesminster.edu. Registration for the CPR classes close at 3:30 PM, April 22.

Allies is sponcoring the national **Day of Silence** on Wednesday, April 21st. Members of student organizations who wish to have their group participate in the event can sign up at the McKelvey Campus Center on Monday and Tuesday prior to the even.

For more information visit www.dayofsilence.org or contact Rachel Lange at langere@westminster.edu.

Everyone is encouraged to participate and help fikght discrimination, harassment and abuse of the LGBT community.

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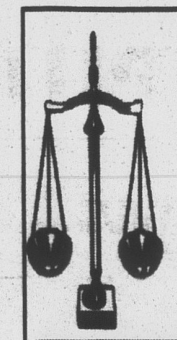

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Jersey Girl

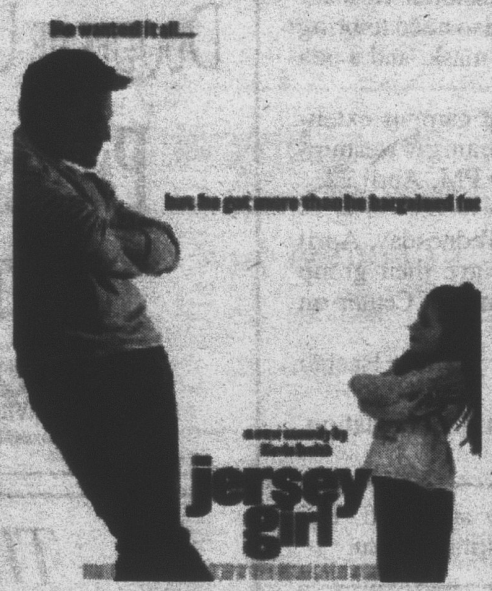
by Tom Oyer and
Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

One of us has never seen a Kevin Smith film. (Ehem..Tom) One of us loves everything the man has done. (Psst...Chris) It almost seems like we set out to do this review based on those parameters alone. Hmmm... Trouble is, this is unlike any Kevin Smith movie anyone has ever seen. But if you remember what we discussed last week, going against your target audience may not be the best decision.

What is Jersey Girl? Jersey Girl is a movie that chronicles the story of Ollie Trinke, a big-shot New York publicist. Trinke falls in love with J. Lo, they marry, she gets pregnant, she has the baby and then one quick aneurism later: J. Lo is dead. Now Trinke is left to fend for himself both at his job and taking care of the baby. When Trinke's father (George Carlin) puts his foot down for his son to accept some of the child care responsibility, Trinke makes a social blunder and ruins his career. From here the film deals with Trinke's family life, as a father, a son, and a single man with a working class job.

Because of our different backgrounds, we've decided to cover this movie from both of our points of view. So now presenting: Chris's Review

Many might know that after the Gigli disaster, most of J. Lo's scenes were cut. Trouble is, not all of them were. The movie does not pick up until after she is long dead. In retrospect, her life didn't need to be shown at all since most of the information we need to know about here could have been established in dialogue from other characters. This is a rather poorly written section of the movie coming from the well established Smith.



Also, Smith has shown through Chasing Amy that he can write emotional dialogue just as good as anyone, if not better. The emotion in this movie never soars to a level that a fan knows Smith can produce. We are just nearly ready to break down and feel for Trinke's character, but his screen time is spread so thin that it makes any of his three relationships seem rushed.

This is why the time with J. Lo should have been cut. By having more time to focus on Trinke's relationship with his daughter, the audience could have better understood why she meant so much to him. I honestly felt he did in fact love his publicist job best of all. Even less believable is the Trinke-Maya relationship. Although Maya is played wonderfully by Liv Tyler, there's just not enough time to understand how they feel about one another. How do you go from one scene where she's going to have sex with him because she feels sorry for him to her crying because he's moving away? I didn't buy it. The best relationship is easily Trinke's relationship with his father. Carlin takes this movie and really displays an acting talent I know I never thought he had. But that's just me, a slightly disappointed Kevin Smith fan. How does Tom feel?

Well, Tom thinks that this movie had promise, and that this is initially better than your average Ben Affleck vehicle. However, this film is just missing something. There are great elements, such as Liv Tyler, George Carlin, an adorable girl playing Affleck's daughter, and a great cameo by Will Smith. There were inspired scenes and moments in this film where I felt compelled for these characters, but whenever I started to like where things were going, the film would take a wrong turn. Why couldn't the film focus more on Liv Tyler! I'd rather see the whole movie surround her character. I have not seen any work by Kevin Smith, so I don't have anything to compare it to, but I can safely assume he has done better. The inclusion of J. Lo at all is a distraction because I felt voyeuristic just watching Bennifer kiss. No wonder they broke up. Throughout the film, you'll find a plethora of frames of Ben Affleck in tight shirts to bring in the girls, and then cute footage of him with his daughter to make the girls swoon. The movie can entertain but its easily conventional and nothing that hasn't been made before. We both agree in giving this film a B- and we highly recommend seeing other films by Kevin Smith rather than this one. (If you want to borrow any, contact Chris.)

Extra credit for D movies

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

One of the perks of having a column of your very own is that you can pretty much write about whatever you want. Within reason, that is. And I've found that my reserve topic is movies. I imagine it's mostly because I'm a dork and I watch way too much TV for my own good.

Some of my favorite movies, well, according to general opinion kind of stink. Yes, I'm talking about those movies that are so horrendously bad, they're good. The ones that are on FX or HBO at odd hours and that you would never, under normal circumstances admit to have even seen. Not me. No shame in my game.

For example, take the 1987 film Lost Boys. This one baffles me. Considering the cast and director (Joel Shumacher), it should be on more favorite's lists. Instead, this vampire horror/comedy (and I use the word 'horror' lightly) is so incredibly hokey and out there that it is indeed that great. It stars Jason Patric and Corey Haim as brothers who move to a Southern California beach town infested with, you guessed it, a gang of vampires, led by Kiefer Sutherland.

Rounding out the cast is Dianne Weist, as Michael and Sam's mother, Bernard Hughes (he was the grandfather on "Blossom") as their delightfully wack-out Grandpa, Alex Winter (Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure) as a vamp, and none other than Corey Feldman, as Edgar Frog, the demon-hunting comic book store worker. Yes kids, two Corey's for the price of one. That right there should be enough incentive.

Another one of my 'craptacular' faves is Mannequin 2: On the Move (1991). Not the original, starring Kim Cattral. Oh, no. Give me the sequel with Kristy Swanson. I think I like the second in the series better than the first because of the outrageously corny fairy tale plot the writers try to pull off. Attempting to abuse the idea of fate, we have Jessie (Swanson), who is a princess back in medieval times who is put under a 'mannequin' spell by some evil sorcerer who doesn't want her to marry the handsome prince. Flash forward an undisclosed amount of years, and Jessie turns up as a department store mannequin who is found by Jason (William Ragsdale).

Embrace your favorite cinematic outcasts. I'm sure they really do appreciate it.

Interesting that Jason looks exactly like the prince from the flashback. Hmm. Joined by the store's fabulous window dresser, Hollywood (Meshach Taylor – "Designing Women," "Dave's World"), Jason and Jessie tear up the town, complete with a choreographed dance routine in a club, while running from the sorcerer and his Norwegian henchmen who want Jessie back.

I have to admit that Hollywood is my favorite character. He gets the best lines. Like when asked why he joined the Marines, he replies that "They were looking for a few good men... And so was I." Classic.

Other not-so quality movies I would recommend include He's My Girl, From Justin to Kelly (Yes, I saw this. In the theater. I was forced, I swear), Three to Tango (Another waste of a good cast – Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell and Dylan McDermott), Get Over It (Starring Martin Short, Kirsten Dunst, Shane West, Ben Foster, and Colin Hanks... Tell me how that could be bad!), and Cry Baby, starring Johnny Depp and Tracy Elizabeth Lords.

Embrace your favorite cinematic outcasts. I'm sure they really do appreciate it.

Singer-songwriter Bob Schneider, not just another Gen-Xer

by Steven Wine
AP Writer

It would be easy to dismiss Bob Schneider as just another cranky Gen-Xer, except that his doleful lyrics are often paired with such sweet sounds.

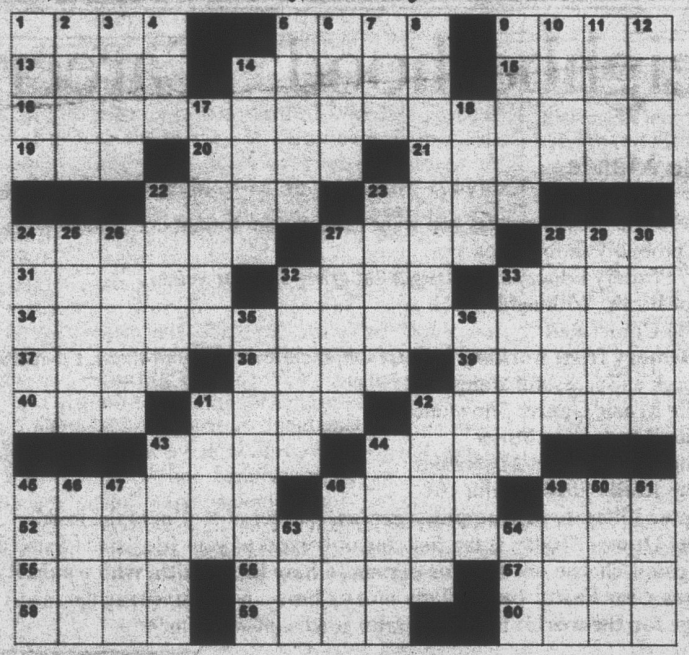
``I'm Good Now'' is his second album. It's also the final line in a song about death. It's brimming with angst but also with the kind of melodies that make the world a better place. While Schneider may be a cynical singer-songwriter, he's also a masterful craftsman, constructing irresistible pop tunes with a blend of guitars, keyboards, strings and harmony vocals. He's a little bit country and rocks, too, reflecting the musical range to be expected from someone who was born in Michigan, grew up in Germany and lives in Austin, Texas.

The world-weary Schneider wears his heart on his sleeve, just like the characters in one of his tunes. He sings about illusion and aspiration and disfunction and self-destruction. And he sings, ``Everything you know just falls apart,'' encouraging his audience to hum along.

Rental Items

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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28 Frasier's home
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33 To a greater extent
34 Rental item
37 Accomplished archer
38 "Later"
39 Vertical
40 Before tee
41 Manual laborer
42 Playground features
43 Gospel writer
44 Court proceeding
45 City in NY
48 Beige
49 Alias
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57 Scotch, for one
58 Chooses
59 Olympic item
60 Drops down

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18 Actor Hirsch
22 Slow mover
23 Conductor Walter ___
24 Chatter
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27 Relating to bees
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29 Singer Springsteen
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32 Bermuda, for one
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36 Goodyear Blimp need
41 Walt Kelly's creation
42 Rides the waves
43 Clowns around
44 Biscuit
45 Preminger of movie fame
46 Queen Elizabeth, e.g.
47 Bump on the skin
48 Boundary
49 China holder
50 Playing card
51 Beats 50 Down
53 Sip of brandy
54 USPS competitor

Quotable Quote

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak.

••• *Jay Leno*

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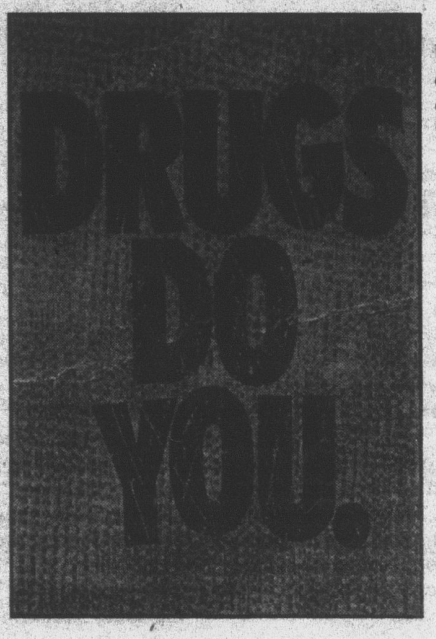


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Pay attention to your home life during the week. Certain family members need your input. Take the time to express your support and positive feelings - it will do wonders. Stay on an even keel where food and drink are concerned and exercise more.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Time spent alone this week will be time well spent. There is an inner strength that you need to rediscover in order to be the best that you can possibly be. Learn to acceptance that which you will never be able to change, it will save you lots of energy.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

It will be easy to find fault with yourself if you rush into a situation with more energy than information. Others around you may seem like a threat, but generosity and helpfulness will maneuver you through any rough spots. It's time to overcome your fear of insecurity.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Good news about money will arrive this week, and just in time. Make the most of this financial situation, trying to invest as much as possible. A mate or child is in an argumentative mood, and seems to enjoy the conflict - cooperate when there is an open line of communication.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

You have a great deal to think about during the week, and may want to take time out to do so. Don't ignore what may seem like pesky symptoms, your body may be trying to tell you something. It's time to start following that dream you've had for some time now.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

You have lots of love to give to those outside your personal relationships - try to spend time with others who have no one. There may be a treasure waiting for you in a place that you least expect. Hard work will bring much satisfaction, and will benefit by helping others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Relationship issues are at the top of your list this week, and it is all good news. Whatever obstacles have kept you from any commitment or marriage have now been overcome, and love is in the air. Looking at the past may bring about some bittersweet memories.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Learning something new during the week will install a joy and confidence that you should share with friends and loved ones. This may be a great time to plan a vacation that is long overdue. You seem to be approaching some type of success, beware of difficulties involved.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

If you are in a rut, do something about it and stop whining! Any solutions to this problem will probably not be solved quickly, but you can move onto something else until the solution becomes apparent. True words of love will make the evenings sweet.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Moderation is the keyword for this week. Moderation will be a helpful guideline as the temptation to engage in extremes is present. Don't spread your plans and ideas all over the place. You are better off keeping them to yourself for the time being. Self-indulge.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

You may need to make some financial sacrifices this week in order to pay off some health bills. If you work at it, these can probably be paid off with little delay. This whole situation may bring back memories of not having enough to get by - remember, they are memories.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

If you are not giving from your heart, it is probably best to not bother. You may have to compromise when it comes to employment. Remember that prosperity is where you find it. Always keep your eye open for that perfect position, work towards your highest potential.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This should be a lively time for you in terms of business, career and money-making activities. Your income and earnings will increase slightly with potential for a much greater profit. Friction may arise within a romantic relationship.

FEATURE

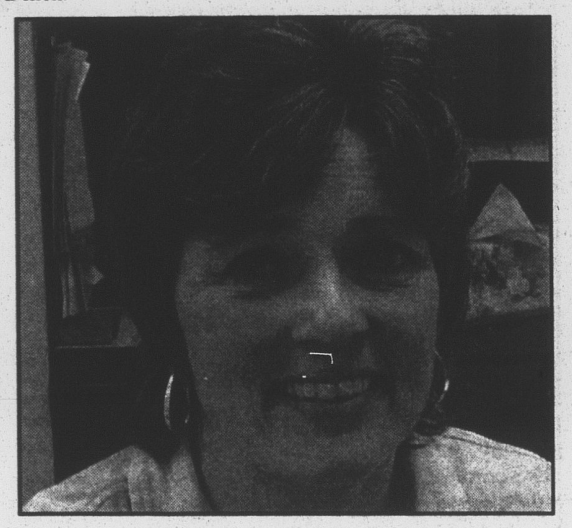
People in your neighborhood: Career Center

Jackie Meade

Name: Jackie Meade, unless you want to go for the formal one, Linda.
Age: I probably shouldn't.
Major: Primary Education - I taught 1st grade for four years.
Place of Birth: Willoughby, OH
Favorite Color: Red
Best Memory from working at WC: Oh, there's so many of them. I'd say when the first students I helped came back as successful alums.
Favorite Music Genre: Showtunes
Favorite Band: Glen Miller
Favorite Musical: Les Miserables
Favorite Radio Station: Hot 101
Computer illiterate or Computer genius: Neither one - I'm in the middle.
Favorite Quote: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life," and "Seize the day."
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be: Franklin Delanor Roosevelt
How was your Easter break: Very nice - I have a new granddaughter, and I got to hold her in my arms.
Message for the world: Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

Terry Sammons

Name: Terry Sammons
Age: 48
Major: Physical Education
Place of Birth: Warsaw, NY
Favorite Color: That real deep green that people are decorating their homes with now. Forest green.
Best memory from working at WC: When I was in the hospital last year, and everyone here at the office took care of me, made meals for my family, and drove my kids places.
Favorite Music Genre: Contemporary Christian
Favorite Band: Newsong
Favorite Musical: Shanendoah
Favorite Radio Station: The Fish
Computer Illiterate or Computer genius: Much closer to the illiterate, really.
Favorite Quote: Jeremiah 29:13 - You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be: Michael W Smith
How was your Easter break: It was wonderful - my daughter was home, the family got together - it was great.
Message for the world: Jesus is Lord.



How to appreciate a good deal: the Salvation Army and you

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Fashionista

Now, let's face it, people. We're young, we're college students, and we're active. Tuition is going up, what, 6 percent next year? Books squeeze us for every dime we have each semester. And classes always manage to find some other reason to make us spend money, whether it be for extra paint in an art course or four espressos a week for study energy. Bottom line? We're broke.

When it comes to clothing, it gets worse. The Gap and Lane Bryant and The Limited want us to spend thirty to forty dollars on a shirt, yet want us to buy more. Who has the money anymore to spend $100 on a single outfit? And then there are stores (which will remain unnamed) that seem to think that the best way to advertise their overpriced clothing line is with pictures of nude models. How this works, I don't know, but somehow they're still in business.

So what's a broke student to do? You certainly can't go around campus wearing the same threadbare duds (unless that's your thing). Sometimes, the hole in your jeans just gets too big to ignore anymore - or you acquire a hole in a place that just can't be ignored in proper society. When your pocketbook is almost as empty as your drawers, where can you go?

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I recommend Goodwill.

Salvation Army, Goodwill, generic thrift stores, they are all little gold mines placed where you wouldn't expect them. They carry all sorts of designers, and whether you're looking for brand-new clothes or real worn-in jeans (instead of those ridiculous-looking fake spot-bleached jeans), they have it all, and for a tiny fraction of what you'd pay at the retailer.

There are only two very big rules to get by with shopping at thrift stores for all your clothing needs. They may seem like common sense, but you'd be surprised how many people would rather spend $80 on a new dress instead of just following these simple rules.

Rule number one: Get past it. Get over the fact that these are used clothes. They've been cleaned and stored since their usage, and are perfectly fine to be worn. Yes, they smell like mothballs, but this is easily remedied by washing. All it takes is one good wash to get the smell of a thrift store out of fabric. And not all of the clothes have been discarded after years of use. There are plenty of items that still have the original tags attached, so you can see exactly how much of a deal you're getting.

Rule number two: Try before you buy. Any thrift store worth its salt has a dressing room with at least one mirror. Always try on clothing before paying for it, and for good measure, bring a friend along. Because for every brand-new outfit there, there's at least one that's ten years old. There can be worn or weak seams, stretched areas of fabric, and even tiny holes you wouldn't catch on your own. It helps to have a spare pair of eyes to make sure you are indeed getting a good deal.

There are some other less important rules, such as "Appreciate the deals" and "Search the store." You have to remember that the brand-new Levi's you got from Salvation Army were roughly 10% of the retail price. And thrift stores have more than just clothing for sale. You can find the same deals on shoes, jackets, paperback books, and even jewelry. Why spend a couple hundred dollars on a sofa for your dorm room when you could get one at a thrift store for $50?

The best part about thrift stores? Most have different sales and deals each day of the week, where certain colored tags are 50% off, or even BOGO (buy one, get one)! And I know for a fact that the nearby Goodwill gives students a 10% discount as long as they present their Titan Card first.

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The point is, you don't have to go broke to look good. Too many people claim to understand this, then go blow fifty bucks on brand-name jeans. Take a break from the busy and expensive commercial world, and go check out some used duds. It's tough work, but it's worth the cost.

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: 9/11 Commission

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

So you all remember September 11th, right? I sure do. I can still remember waking up to screams outside my Shaw dorm room. Even though two years have passed since the tragic event, many Americans' thoughts go back to that day. How could America, the greatest nation in the world, be attacked? Are we vulnerable now? Could this have been prevented? But hark, who do we see approaching? Why it's the 9/11 commission to dig through all the piles of memos, faxes, and CIA reports to "uncover the truth."

The commission, headed by Thomas Kean, the former Republican New Jersey Governor, and vice-chaired by Lee Hamilton, a former Indiana congressman, is a bipartisan commission created in late 2002. It has interviewed (grilled, sautéed, whatever) many political celebrities, most recently Condoleezza Rice (National Security Advisor) and George Tenet (Director of the CIA). Rich and I have decided to evaluate their performance thus far, so get out your report cards kids!

First off, I'd like to say that I totally agree with the idea of a 9-11 commission. Every American has a right to know the whole story behind the terrorist attacks, particularly what the Bush administration and the CIA knew in the summer months of 2001.

Now for commentary on some of the testimony. The first that comes to mind is Condoleezza Rice. I must admit, I was a bit disappointed in her testimony. Rice is known for her grace under pressure, and I was certain that she would leave that room with a standing ovation. Don't get me wrong, she did a great job, but I wouldn't call it a stellar performance. Her admittance of the summer 9-11 report entitled "Bin Laden Determined to Attack Inside the United States" wasn't her shining moment, and neither was her refusal to declassify it. However, I thought she did a decent job of explaining to the commission that the title should not be blown at of proportion and that she was told that 70 field investigations were being conducted to track Al Qaeda cells. I give her a B.

Second, as for the attack that Attorney General Ashcroft made on commission member Democrat Jaime Gorelick (Gorelick wrote a memo while serving as deputy attorney general in 1995 that stated that counterintelligence and criminal intelligence should be kept separate: aka the FBI and CIA), I surprisingly stand in the middle. I see my conservative colleague's point that this memo points out that Gorelick's position on the commission is a conflict of interest. However, I think it was a horrible PR move for Ashcroft to accuse a commission member during his own testimony. It makes it look as if he's creating a partisan distraction to hide the truth. I'll give him credit, it worked: most major newspapers are covering the story. But Ashcroft picked the wrong venue for this memo to surface, and now a partisan battle has once again clogged the workings of this commission. He gets a C.

As I said before, our citizens have a right to the truth. However, I stand behind a statement I made in an earlier article: no person, no matter what their political preference is, would consciously stand by and await a terrorist attack on American people, whether in foreign nations or within our own borders. I can only hope that the commission will come to the same conclusion.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

September 11, 2001 was one of the darkest days in American history. It is doubtful that any of us will forget where we were when those terrible events happened. As the nation began to recover from the true horror of the events, we began to question "how could this happen?" and "are we safe?" It is with these thoughts in mind that the National Commission for Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly called the 9-11 Commission) was formed.

Since its conception, the Commission has faced harsh criticism from Republicans calling the commission "unfair" and "biased" and a "prop against George Bush's re-election bid". I find this a ridiculous argument, since the commission was created by the Republican-controlled Congress and the President. To say that a commission created by republicans and run by republicans is going to be anti-republican is ridiculous! The commission was designed to help protect America, by looking at how things in the past went wrong.

"What are the conservatives worried about then?" you may be asking, oh fair and balanced reader. In reality, I think some conservatives (not all, mind you...) are worried that the commission will show that President Bush might not be the ultra-tough, tough on terror, cowboy that he trying to seem. And this may be a problem considering he is running his re-election campaign almost solely on defense (because it sure won't be the economy, education or healthcare...).

Additionally, I believe the commission irritates some, because it puts the conservatives in a difficult situation. On one hand they want to do everything they can to blame this on Bill Clinton and the Democrats. On the other hand, though, they do not want to admit that they share any of the blame. So they send people like John Ashcroft and Condoleezza Rice to deny knowledge and blame, while attempting to place the blame on an administration that hasn't been in office for almost 4 years!

But when avoiding the question and trying to pass the buck don't work, the White House simply tries their best and most effective technique: distraction. We hear conservatives whining that placing the blame on any group will not change the events that happened or make us safer. They claim that we must move forward and not live in the past...except if the past is blamed on Clinton, of course.

This "does any of this really help anything?" argument upsets me the most. Who remembers the never-ending scandal from Hell, that was "Monica-gate"? In this case, the government spent millions of tax payer dollars to investigate the president's sex life; which never killed or hurt anyone; however, at the same time it was deemed absolutely necessary to the security and well-being of our nation. But now, when we are trying to investigate events that killed and maimed thousand of innocent Americans, we just want to "put the past behind us" and ignore questions or concerns. Is anyone else confused? I feel like I'm taking crazy pills!

Additionally, in the end, the White House is planning to censor the report of the 9-11 commission due to "national security" issues. I guess we wouldn't want the truth to be revealed! I guess we don't have the right to know what happened!

So what have we learned from the conservatives and the 9-11 Commission? They want you to forget about the past, unless it's to blame Bill Clinton and the democrats. They want you to ignore the intelligence and information, unless its on Iraq and Weapons of Mass Destruction. And they want you to remember that we are all in this together, unless you support someone other than Bush...then you are part of the problem.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Mighty Meal Calculator

by Drew Huston
News Editor

One of the biggest controversies on this campus now is regarding the newly-proposed meal plan, and how it – let's be honest here – blatantly rips us off and pretty much spits in our face, telling us there is nothing we can do to change things. I'm writing today to say that change can be made, despite what we've been told.

What really upset me was the all-campus e-mail that we received after spring break, essentially attempting to make us feel guilty for trying to not be ripped off. Some of you may be familiar with what I'm talking about, some of you may not. I'll quote some of the letter for you to refresh your memories:

"We attempted to design a plan to best serve your needs... We listen to what you say and try to make changes accordingly. It was because of your criticism of the meal exchange that we have introduced this new Declining Balance meal plan... As I've stated before the Residential Dining Facilities Fee has always been there – we collected it last year and are currently collecting it this year. It only jumps out at you for next year's plans because it's a separate billing item on your board charge..."

Now, according to my trusty calculator, the $1,000 dine dollar plan averages to a total of $9.44 per meal. Oh, so the prices went up that much. The argument against that might be "but Drew, you're factoring in the Resident Dining Facilities Fee – 158 meals for $1,000 isn't that bad." Oh contraire. Recall that the Resident Dining Facilities Fee (the fee they charge us to "heat the building") was included in the block meal plan. So, we were paying that fee in both, so it makes sense to apply it. I might just have fuzzy math skills, but to me, it just seems like they're charging us more for the same food, and giving us less for more money.

So, lets get to the fee that heats our lovely McKelvey Center. There are 1,450 undergraduate students going to our college. Let's take out 50 to account for the lucky ones who didn't have to buy a meal plan and live off-campus. That leaves 1,400 of us. Multiply that by the $500 overhead fee we're being charged next year, and what does one get? My calculator says that equals $700,000. Don't try to fool us – we know that the good people who work in the TUB aren't being paid anywhere near what they deserve.

We get e-mails that blame us for complaining and say that this new plan, which rips us off even more blatantly than the first one, is what our complaints have gotten us.

In the e-mail to the campus, it is stated that "you may easily have a meal plan that affords you 200-250 'meals' next fall." For example, if you request the $850 plan and have grab and go foods for breakfast and lunch and only an occasional dining room dinner, you could easily have that many eating occasions on your meal plan. Just remember that a "meal" can be anything from a sandwich and drink to an all-you-can-eat dinner." Not good enough. Considering a cup of water (just 25 cents at the TUB – what a deal!) for breakfast and an apple for lunch as meals to reach your 250-meal claim won't fly with me. Plus, prices are going up for us – did that factor in anywhere? So, we'll get the same soggy chicken patty sandwich for a higher price. Wonder of wonders!

Other examples of colleges are cited that have declining balance meal plans, including Penn State.

Well, I went to their dining services site (www.hfs.psu.edu/cwcmealplans/ALaBoard/default.htm#1) for a look-see. What I found was very interesting. What they have is a declining balance plan, but it uses points rather than dollars. On their biggest plan, the students get 70,500 points to play with throughout the semester. They even have a scale on which a price equivalent is given for points. The points average out to around 3 cents a point. That means that for the largest meal plan at Penn State, you're getting approximately $2,115 worth of food. But, wait! Dost mine eyes deceive me? The price for this meal plan is only $1,675! And that includes the overhead fee! So, if you take out the overhead of $970, you would only be paying $705 for $2,115 worth of food. Wow! That sounds like a bargain! Good thing their program was looked at by Westminster so that we could get deals like that.

So what is my suggestion to you? I suggest that you cut this article out and show it to your parents. I also suggest that you at least talk to your parents about this article, if you don't want to cut it out. Have your parents call the business office and tell them that they don't like being ripped off. Change things! We are their customers, and we have rights, too. It's time they realized that – so tell people about this, and make change, Westminster!

Weekend Entertainment

Friday:
Monte Carlo Night
8pm McKelvey Club/Lounge

Titan's Tavern
10pm - 2am
Club/lounge

Saturday:
Relay for Life Fireworks
Approx. 10pm
Burry Stadium

Coming Soon:
Movies: Mystic River/Cold Mountain
April 23 - 25
Night Owl Bowling April 24
Movies: Barbershop 2/ 50 First Dates
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Comic - Steve Matuszak April 30
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May 7 - 9
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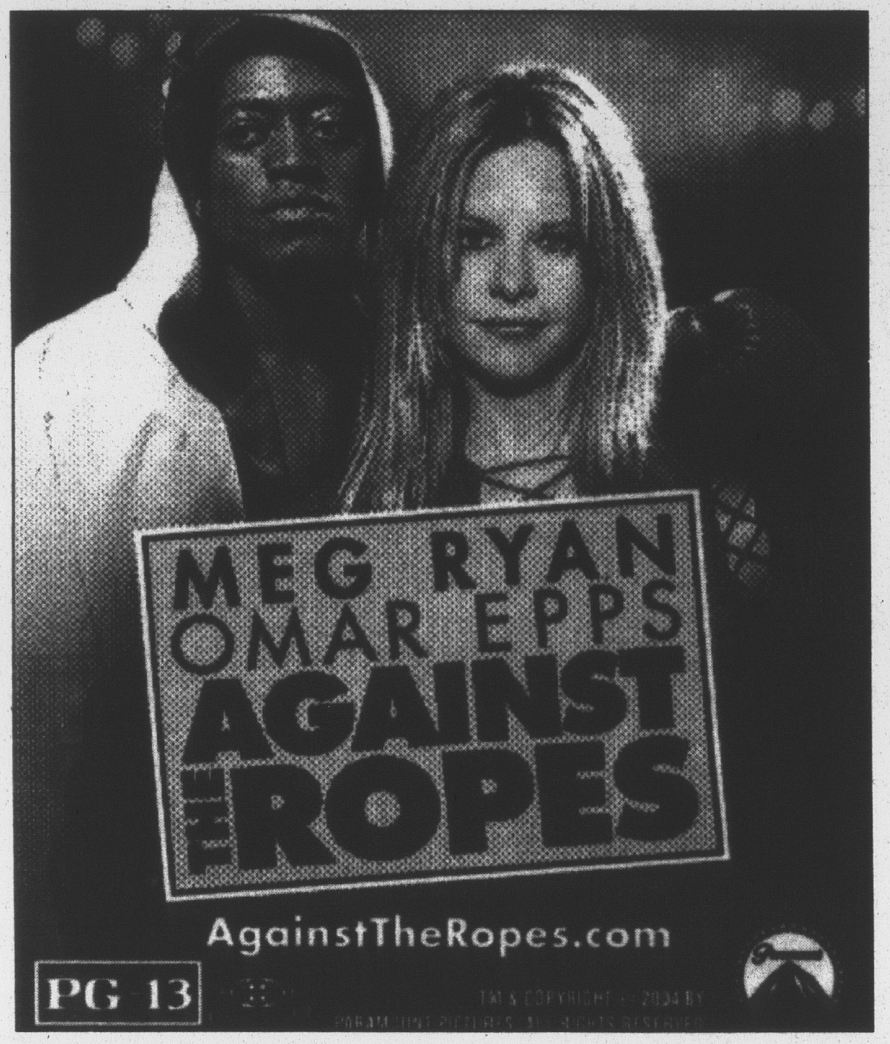

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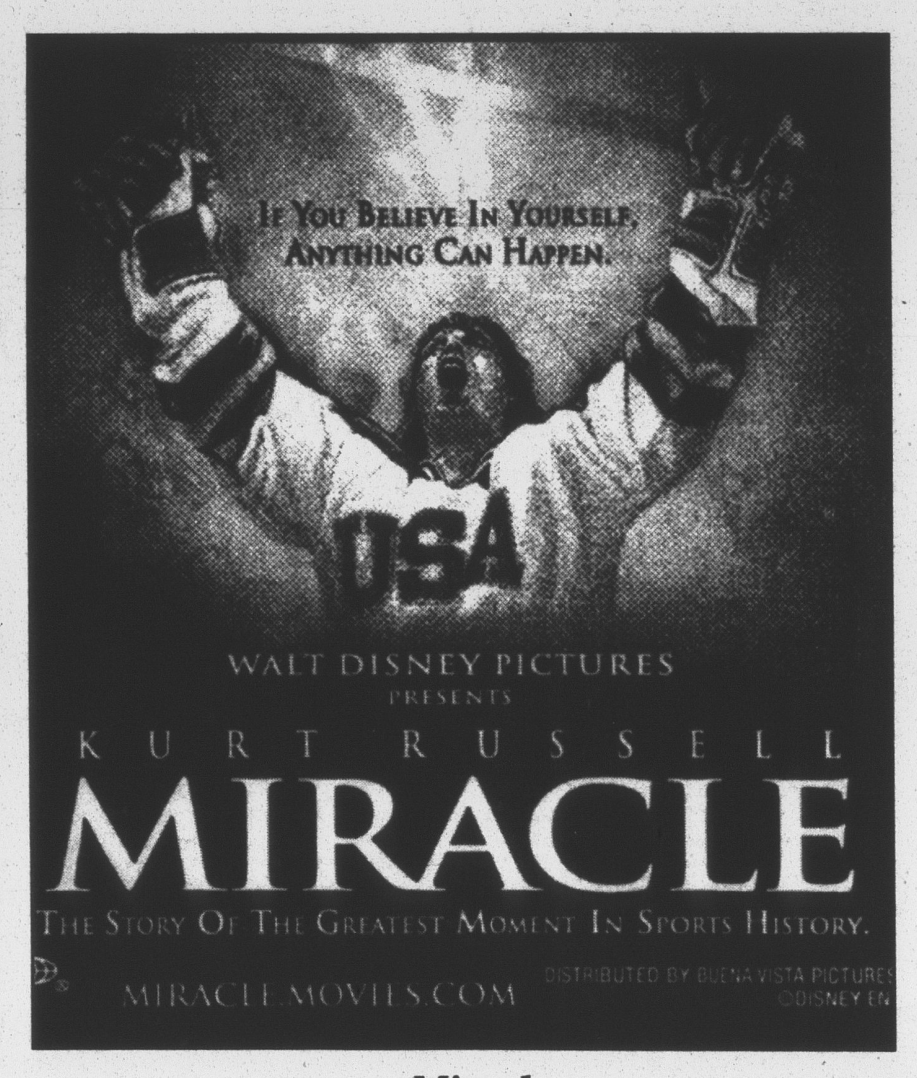

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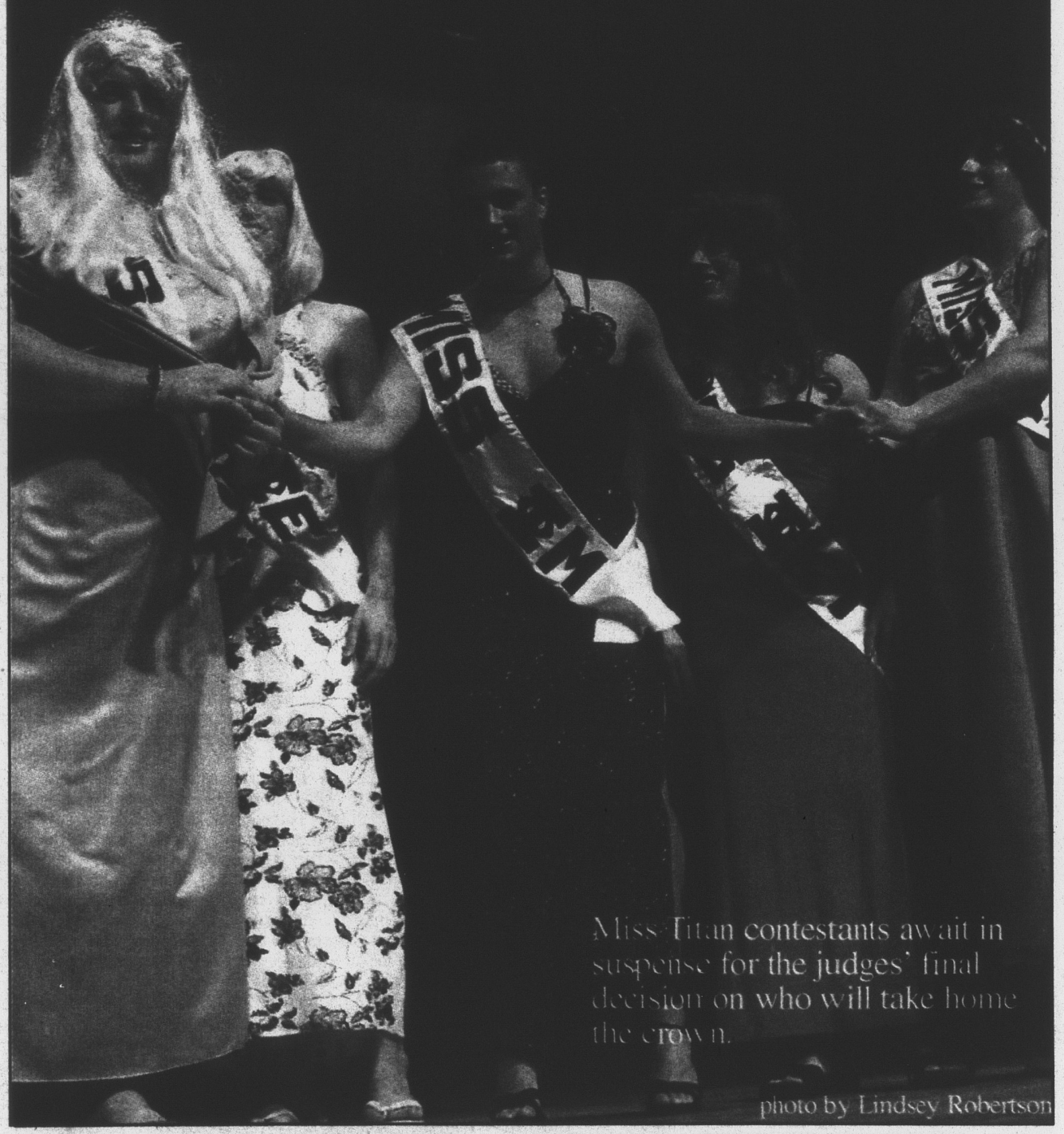

Miss Titan contestants await in suspense for the judges' final decision on who will take home the crown.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

by Jennifer Rowe
Campus Writer

Eat your heart out, Miss U.S.A. Up and coming beauty pageant queen Tommy Froelich, representing Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, won the coveted Miss Titan crown on Wednesday, April 21.

Sigma Kappa presents the campus wide event every year to raise money for Alzheimer's research and to give the men of Westminster the opportunity to strut their stuff on stage.

Froelich, who was crowned by last year's Miss Titan, Greg Smith, was beyond flattered to receive such an honor. "I feel very excited. I'm glad I can represent the school proudly," Froelich said.

Male contestants representing the five national fraternities and sororities on campus, along with representatives from Alpha Phi Omega and the Inter Fraternity Council, competed in swimsuit, evening gown and interview sessions. The only twist was that the twelve fine men were dressed as women.

"I thought it was hysterical. It was nice to have the roles reversed for once. They all looked pretty funny," said sophomore Lee Schwartzmiller.

Contestants were judged on their poise and appearance in each phase of the competition as well as their responses during the interview. The judges consisted of food staff volunteers who generously return every year to donate their time for the event.

In the event that Miss Titan is unable to fulfill her duties her reign, the runner-up title was given to Alpha Sigma Phi's Irish beauty, Michael McBride. Third place went to Miss Theta Chi Ryan McKnight.

During the final tallying of the votes, Miss Philanthropy, also known as Coach Scott Renninger, presented the head librarian, Molly Spinney, with a check totaling over $800 to further benefit Dwight Copper's recovery. The social fraternity and sororities collected the money as an ongoing effort to help Copper with his medical bills.

Sigma Kappa sorority presents Miss Titan as a Greek Week tradition. A $2 donation is taken at the door to benefit Alzheimer's research. Donations for the event were also collected from the New Wilmington and New Castle areas as gifts for the judges and prizes for the winners.

"Alzheimer's research is a wonderful cause. Research into disease is worthwhile because so many people are afflicted with it," said Foundations Chair Jill Dobi.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Campus and community participate in Relay for Life

by Colter McElree
Campus Writer

On Saturday April 17 the American Cancer Society, Westminster College, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity sponsored the campus' 7th annual Relay for Life.

The Relay began at 10:00 a.m. with the opening ceremonies and ran until 9:30 p.m. when Zambelli Fireworks presented a ten minute display. Evening festivities had to be cut short by half an hour due to the incoming storms.

Throughout the day the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi presented over 40 participating teams with different events, contests, and entertainment to keep the walkers busy. Everything from a dunk tank, to an egg toss, to the raffling of golf clubs was available. Another exciting occurrence was the appearance of the Stat Medevac helicopter which stopped by for over an hour and allowed people to get a close look at the machine.

"This year's Relay was a huge success," Alpha Sigma Phi brother and former service chair David DiDesiderio said, "It's great to see the brother's hard work all come together, it's very rewarding." DiDesiderio was also the chairman of the event this year, following in his brother's footsteps, Danny, who chaired it three years ago.

Many hours went into the planning of the event. Individuals and businesses throughout the community answered the call for donations. The Tavern on the Square donated all of the hotdogs and hamburgers that were sold. The Kaufman House in Zelienople provided the Relay with all the buns for the burgers and hotdogs. Dominoes donated 40 pizzas and delivered them free of charge. McDonalds and Giant Eagle helped by providing drinks, plates, and cups. Sodexo lent a hand by donating the condiments and some silverware.

photo by Willis Bretz

Alpha Sigma Phi brothers and Relay for Life participants take a break from walking to compete in an egg toss contest.

"An event like the Relay for Life does amazing things for the college and the community. It's great seeing people come together and be willing to donate their time and money for such a good causem," Alpha Sigma Phi brother and service chair Quay Rosengarth said.

The Alpha Sigs started Relay for Life as their philanthropy seven years ago. After the passing of a beloved professor and head soccer coach, Dr. Peter Macky, the brothers decided they wanted to do something to remember him by. The answer was the Relay for Life. Today the Relay is one of the most successful philanthropy events done on campus.

Relay for Life was started by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner. He walked 83 miles and raised over $27,000 for the American Cancer Society. Today Relay for Life is the Society's largest event. As their website states, "Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated." Benefits from the Relay go to the research, prevention, and treatment of cancer. Although donations are still coming in, this year's Relay has already raised over $23,000.

Allies sponsors Day of Silence to increase diversity awareness

by Jolene Slattery
Campus Writer

On April 21, Allies sponsored a Day of Silence on campus, as part of a national event to protest the bias against sexual minorities.

This was the second year that Allies has sponsored a Day of Silence. Last year, 30 people participated. The goal for this year was to have 60 participants. Participants took a vow of silence for the day. This symbolized the silencing that many sexual minorities experience every day. Those participating carried "speaking cards" which they used to explain to others why they were not talking. Participants also wore purple arms bands to show their support. Those who wanted to show support, but not take the vow of silence, wore purple ribbons.

"Sometimes people don't think when they throw around terms like "fag," and they might not realize that they are hurting someone," Sara Kimbell, Allies student advisor said.

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Day of Silence is an event that supports making the bias against sexual minorities unacceptable.

It was started at the University of Virginia in 1996. In 1997, the event became national, with nearly 100 colleges and universities participating that year. There are now over 400 colleges and universities and nearly 2000 elementary and secondary schools that participate.

Professors are generally supportive of the Day of Silence. Many professors did not take the vow of silence but did wear ribbons in support.

The organizers did not want the event to disrupt classes. While the participants were supposed to remain silent during the day, if a class required their participation they were allowed and encouraged to speak. However it was not just students who took the vow of silence. Last year, Dr. Carol Bove taught completely silent lessons all day, making an impact on her students.

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> *-Tom Oyer*

"I will never forget how last year Dr. Bove taught all of her classes in silence," Elaine Blevins, Allies vice president said. "It was profoundly affirming to have that support from faculty, to know that they were behind us to that extent."

"For me, the Day of Silence involves putting yourself in someone else's shoes," Allies advisor Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett said. "Too often the 'moral' majority takes for granted rights and privileges that many minorities in this country don't have. They assume that everyone in this country has the same opportunities and rights to speak out in support or defense of their beliefs and lifestyles. This is simply not the case."

In this case though, members of the college community were able to express their views in an open way.

"I hope what people took away from this is that there is a large amount of acceptance for people of all types on this campus," Tom Oyer, Allies president said.

Men's and Women's Choirs perform annual Spring concerts

by Jessica Holiday
Campus Writer

The Men's and Women's Choirs performed their annual spring concerts in Wallace Memorial Chapel on Sunday, April 18 and Monday, April 19.

The Men's Choir performed a variety of songs, including four solo pieces. In addition, Dr. Kang-Yup Na played the violin for one of the ensemble pieces. Student Matthew McLaughlin was the student accompanist.

"I'm really proud of them," director Dr. Robin Lind said.

The Men's Choir is comprised of seventeen students from all classes and disciplines. A music major is not a requirement to participate in the ensemble, although many of the members are working toward their music education major. One characteristic sought after, however, is a dedication to the organization.

"Everyone is working hard all of the time," Lind said.

The choir has been in existence since 2001, with Lind as the director from the beginning. In that time, the ensemble has performed several times in addition to its two yearly concerts on campus. In the past, the choir has been invited to perform at several local Presbyterian churches, as well as performing as the key group in Moon Twp. at the "Men's Day" festival. At this festival, the members of the ensemble work with middle and high school men, helping them to improve their talents.

The concert held by the women's ensemble on Monday was entitled "Swing into Spring," and contained pieces that all connected to the theme of springtime and rebirth. There were several jazz pieces, including one based on a Shakespeare poem.

Swing songs were also performed. In addition to the music, there was also a Microsoft Power Point presentation to accompany a piece about hope.

"It was very uplifting," director Ms. Sharon Rotuna said. "It had something for everyone."

Katie Schultz served as the ensemble's piano accompanist, and Shelley Culver assisted on the organ. Elizabeth Grepp performed a solo from "Birdsong," and Ashley Rexrode served as a student conductor for La lluvia by Stephen Hatfield. Rexrode has been the Assistant Director of the ensemble for the past two years.

The Women's Choir is set up much like the Men's Choir. It is comprised of forty female students from all majors and years. There is no audition to become a part of the ensemble, but Rotuna does require a voice placement session to make sure each singer is properly placed.

The ensemble has been in existence since 1997, with Rotuna as director for the past four years.

The Women's Choir performs two concerts every year, as well as two Vespers performances. The ensemble has performed in Pittsburgh and New Castle at various churches.

Power returns after outage

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

Power outages hit the campus community shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday night and again early Thursday morning, caused by a high-tension line that caught fire.

The campus was left without power for approximately fifteen minutes Wednesday night.

"Happily, the girls of Browne were very patient with the outages," Resident Assistant Mary Huebert said. "There's nothing we can really do about something like this, other than wait it out."

Many students were away from residence halls at the time because of Greek Week activities, however.

"I was in the middle of Sing and Swing rehearsal when the lights and music shut off," junior Maggie Muir said. "The group of girls I was with went out into the hallway, and we had fun dancing and singing in the moonlight."

The loss of power interfered primarily with computer usage, but both outages kept electronics of all types from working

"The outage Thursday morning messed up my alarm clock, so I missed my 9:20 class," sophomore Jimmy Connell said. A few lucky students, like junior Rich Marmura, had a morning class cancelled or a test postponed.

After the second outage Thursday morning, Information Systems Director Don Goodlin requested that campus computers be shut down, due to the low voltage levels, which can be damaging to electronic devices.

The Physical Plant reported that the problem spread beyond campus, leaving parts of downtown New Castle and thousands of Lawrence County residents without power Wednesday night.

Calendar to feature men of Westminster

by Heather M. Jones
Campus Reporter

The ballots are in and the votes have been counted. Westminster's most desirable men have been chosen.

The thirteen magnificent males will appear in a calendar sponsored by Phi Mu. The sorority will be selling the calendar to raise money for their philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network. These calendars will be available toward the end of the semester. Nanette Tomicek, Phi Mu's philanthropy chair, is working on the cost of the calendar.

"It's for a good cause and I think once girls see how great these guys look, they will be willing to buy one, maybe even two," said Tomicek.

Forty men were nominated to be in the calendar. The campus community then voted for the final thirteen that will appear in the 2004-2005 calendar. Among the men appearing in the calendar will be photos of the swim and basketball teams. Sophomore Richard Humphrey will also make an appearance in the calendar.

"I think this is an awesome way for Phi Mu to raise money. I'm glad to be a part of something so fun and important," said Humphrey.

As for the other men appearing in the calendar, Tomicek's lips are sealed. "People will just have to wait until the calendars are published and buy one," she said.

Senior Ashley Mondale is the official photographer for the project and is excited about the chance to work with the guys. "They [the guys] all realize that this is for a good cause and are willing to have fun with it," Mondale said.

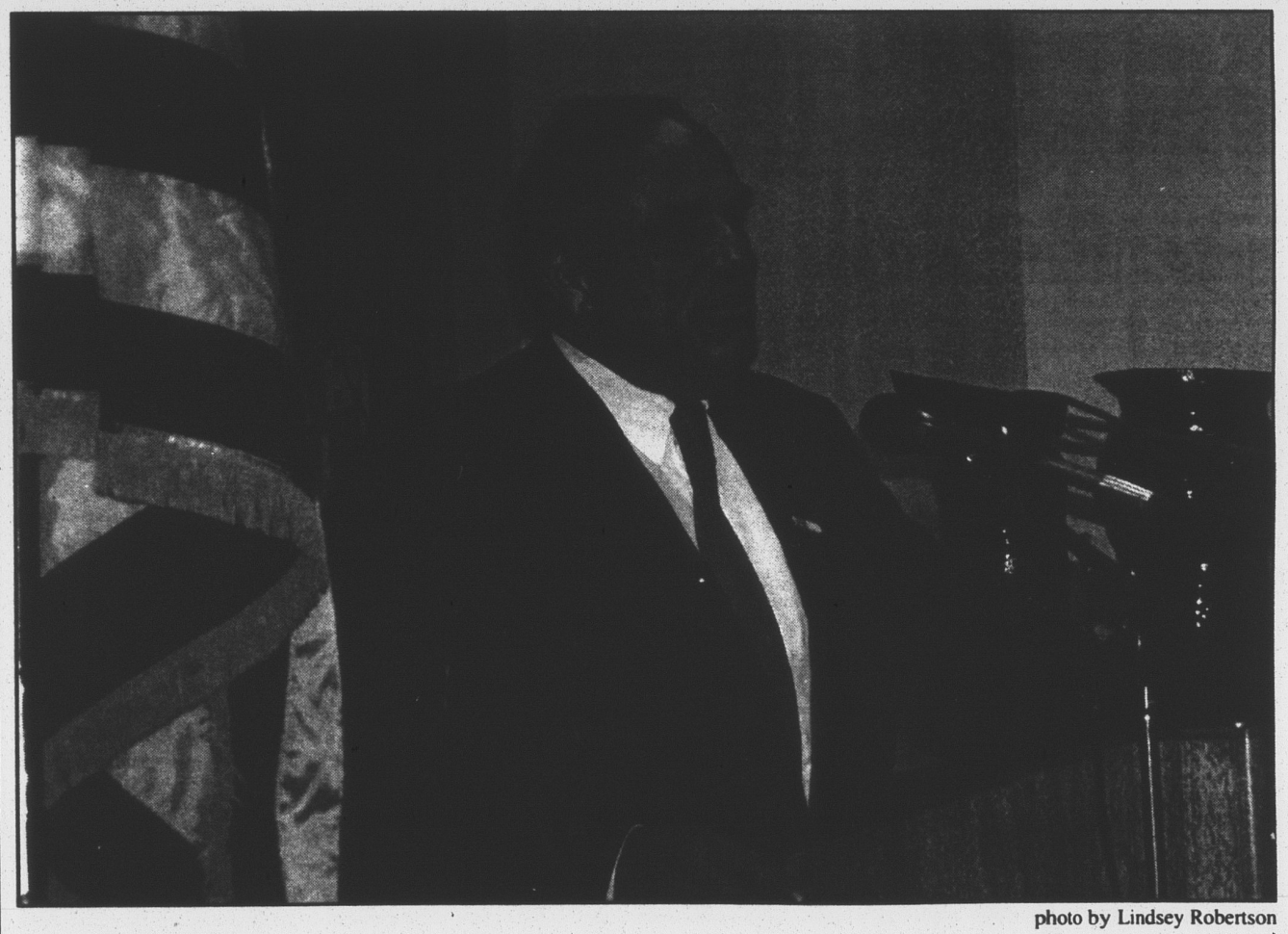
Each guy will reflect the month he is representing. One idea for December's picture is dressing the "model" in nice pants, a Santa hat and posing him in front of a fireplace.

"The fireplace will keep him warm," said Ashley Slater, a sophomore Phi Mu sister. "Keep that in mind, ladies, these calendars are going to be hot," Slater said.

The idea for the calendar came from researching Phi Mu's previous fundraising activities. The sorority thought the idea was great and believes the calendar will be a success. T

Tomicek is hoping to make the calendar an annual fundraiser, but said it will depend on how well the 2004-2005 calendar sells.

Governor Ed Rendell visits campus



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Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell came to campus on Monday, April 19 and discussed the issue of reclaiming polluted industrial sites in local communities to make them viable for future businesses. Rendell says with a new economic stimulus package passed by the legislature he will work to recruit new business into the region. Rendell also called on the crowd to get out to vote in next Tuesday's election. A full story on Rendell's visit will be featured in next week's issue.

Your Student Government Association

by Andrea Ceplecci
SGA Public Relations Chair

Once again, SGA was hard at work this past week. At Wednesday's meeting, the senators discussed and decided upon many important campus issues.

It's almost time for everyone's favorite event: VolleyRock! VolleyRock will be held on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will also feature a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The bands lined up to play are: The Bonds Are Broken, Space Pimps, and The Starting Line. If you signed up for VolleyRock, the concert is included in the cost. Otherwise, you must purchase a $10 ticket in the Student Affairs Office. Non-Westminster students may also attend the concert for $10.

The Finance Committee will be holding audits for all student organizations on May 3 and 4. It will also hold information sessions for organization treasurers regarding budgets and allocations. If you have any questions about the audits, please contact Finance Chair Rich Marmura.

The final SGA Day of the semester will be held on Friday, April 30. Be sure to keep your eyes open and snag a ride in the golf carts with one of the senators! SGA will also be

giving away free food and there will be some contests and prizes. If you have any questions about SGA Day, contact Public Relations Chair Andrea Ceplecci.

Congratulations to the three newest senators in SGA! Juniors Tina Cole, Sarah Buzzatto, and Mike Gordon were elected and sworn in at this week's meeting.

The annual Kennywood Day will be Sunday, May 9. More information is on the way, but you can contact Special Events Chair Nicole Udanis with any questions.

If you would like to be a member of the Board of Trustees, you must fill out an application by April 27. There are two student positions available. This is a very important and worthwhile job. Watch your e-mail or contact the committee chair, Chris Cronin, for more details.

That's all for this week! Please remember that you are always welcome at all SGA meetings, which take place every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater in the McKelvey Campus Center. Also, you may e-mail SGA at sga@westminster.edu or IM the executive members at WCSGA2004. SGA is here for you, so do not hesitate to contact them with any comments or concerns!

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Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

Children Injured in Local Fire

Pulaski Township fire officials say a six-year old girl was rescued from a fire at a house along Thompson Road. A township police officer pulled the girl from the house this morning-- she was rushed to Youngstown hospital and later transferred to an Akron hospital which has a burn unit.

New Castle Military Unit Returns from Iraq

Yellow ribbons and American flags and a big crowd welcomed home nearly 50 members of the 326th Quartermaster Unit of the Army Reserve based out of New Castle this week. The Wednesday afternoon homecoming at Union High School brought out hundreds of friends and family. The 326th supported troops in Iraq by supplying water. While the unit did not engage in combat, but faced enemy fire while in Iraq. They were called up to active duty back in February 2003.

WC's New Money Man Named

A 1985 Westminster grad will be the new money man for the college-- taking over for Bill Birkhead who's retiring. President Tom Williamson announced this week that Kenneth Romig will take over as Vice President for Finance and Management Services effective July 1. Romig currently works as Senior Vice President of Finance for Sky Bank.

Felasco Fiasco- Investigating the County Treasurer

Embattled Lawrence County District Gary Felasco will now face a possible investigation by the State Attorney General's office. Recent reports in the New Castle News raised allegations that Felasco's county cell phone was used to organize sex-parties at local motels. Felasco has also been the center of controversy because of allegations of how his property was handled in the tax claim bureau. Now District Attorney Matt Mangino says he is turning the investigation to the state Attorney General. Mangino says he made the move to restore the public's confidence in the county government.

No Room to Wait

The first-year room drawings took place this week leaving some students with an unsatisfied feeling. The final group of students to choose where they live in the residence halls ended up on a waiting list instead. The lottery process letting students have a choice in where they live ran short of rooms— but campus officials say more rooms may open up before the beginning of next year. Students say they waited up to 45 minutes only to make it on to a waiting list.

Sig Nu Back in Greek Week

The Brothers of Sigma Nu will take part in Greek Week— despite an order from the Greek Judicial board earlier this month that would ban them from the event. The ban was part of a punishment because Sig Nu held unauthorized parties. But an appeal to the college President helped paved the way to lifting the ban.

Chalk Talk Restricted

Westminster students who want to scrawl on campus sidewalks with chalk messages are now being told to stop. Student Affairs officials say too much chalk is now tracked inside buildings. So chalkers are now prohibited from scribbling their art and message at door entrances. Instead they will be restricted to chalking sidewalks between buildings.

Relay for Life Pays Off

The money's all counted now and officials for the American Cancer Society say Westminster Relay for Life raised $23,000 over the weekend. Alpha Sigma Phi Brother and event coordinator Dave Didesiderio says people who walked and ran helped the all-day event pay off. The money raised goes to the Cancer Society's efforts to help local cancer victims in their fight against the disease.

The Pennsylvania Primary

We're just days away from the April 27th primary election in Pennsylvania. While all the Democratic candidates for President have dropped out of the race leaving John Kerry as George Bush's opponent, both candidates will do some campaigning in the Commonwealth before election day. Pennsylvania's electoral votes are considered a major prize and key to winning the White House this fall.

ID Now Required on Election Day

If you vote in this month's Primary you'll need to have your photo identification ready to show to poll workers. The Secretary of State's office says poll workers will require a picture ID before they give you your ballot.

Stopping the SPAM

Campus e-mail users have a new weapon in their war against SPAM. Information services has a demo version of an anti-junk e-mail program up and running. I-S officials say the prototype system should begin filtering out SPAM immediate— cutting down on all the volume of unwanted message that come to your account.

Tub-Gate Update

You may have noticed the gates are no longer up around the Orchard Street Cafe during business hours. Cafe manager Beth Sammons says they stopped using the gates as a shoplifting deterrent in recent weeks. Sammons says they're using alternative solutions to crack down on shoplifting-- but she hasn't revealed details of those alternatives. Earlier this semester, management used the metal gates to restrict the flow of traffic as a way to deal with the shoplifting problem.

Titan Radio Will Get More Power & New Tower

Titan Radio will get more powerful by next fall—Faculty Advisor and Communications Studies Department Chair David Barner says the FCC has approved an application for a new tower and more power. The new tower will sit on the hill above New Wilmington—across the road from the president's home. The power will increase to 200 watts. Barner says WWNW's signal will reach nearly into New Castle but the actual coverage will go even further. The tower and power project should wrap up by next September.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Horror-movie director pleads guilty and is sentenced on murder charges

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) An aspiring horror-movie maker pleaded guilty to first-degree murder Monday for killing a co-worker's wife in what authorities said was a plot with the woman's husband to split money from a life insurance policy.

Blaine M. Norris, 26, apologized and was sentenced to life in prison without parole in the Jan. 10, 2003, stabbing death of Randi Lee Trimble, 28, in her suburban Harrisburg home.

"I realize no words of mine could take away the grief I have caused you," Norris said in a statement he read in Cumberland County Court to Trimble's mother, Nancy J. Chavez. "If by the forfeit of my life I could bring her back to you, I would do so without hesitation."

District Attorney Skip Ebert said prosecutors agreed not to pursue the death penalty and all other counts were dropped.

Trimble's husband, Brian T. Trimble, also was charged with first-degree murder. Neither Ebert nor Trimble's attorney, Linda Hollinger, would comment on whether Trimble will go to trial or negotiate a plea deal. Prosecutors have said they will not seek the death penalty against Trimble because of his earlier cooperation in the case.

Chavez, who was in the courtroom, dabbed her eyes with a tissue as she read a statement calling Norris and Brian Trimble "two monsters driven by greed."

"I blame myself over and over for not protecting her," she said.

In a second statement he read to the court, Norris tried to explain why he killed Randi Trimble. He spoke of a general dissatisfaction and unhappiness with his life that persisted after the killing, but said a religious rebirth in prison has given him a measure of peace.

"I took a life. ... Now I want to bring the word of eternal life to many people," Norris said.

Randi Trimble's uncle, Michael J. Wilson, said in court that he was struggling to accept Norris' newfound faith in God, even though Wilson himself had attended church on Sunday and heard a sermon about how all human beings have value.

"I'm told I'm supposed to have a belief in the value of Blaine Norris right now. I can't find it," Wilson said.

National briefs

Tom Brokaw signs off

NEW YORK (AP) Tom Brokaw's sign-off date as anchor of NBC's top-rated "Nightly News" has been set: it's Wednesday, December 1.

His successor, Brian Williams, will take over as sole anchor the next day, the network announced Monday.

Brokaw, 64, announced two years ago that he will end his "Nightly News" run shortly after the 2004 presidential election, giving way to longtime heir apparent Williams.

Brokaw began as "Nightly News" anchor on April 5, 1982 teamed with Roger Mudd. He took over as sole anchor on Sept. 2, 1983.

Judge refuses guilty plea

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) A woman accused of snatching her two toddlers from their beds after smashing a car into their grandmother's house is mentally incompetent to stand trial, a judge ruled Monday.

Nora Montano, 32, had insisted that she wanted to plead guilty, telling the judge in March that she needed to take responsibility for her actions last June. The judge refused to accept her plea, saying he wanted mental health experts to evaluate her.

She will be committed to a mental health center. If her mental health is not restored in five years, state law requires the charges be dropped.

Montano had been involuntarily hospitalized seven times in the 18 months before the incident, her attorney said.

Rapper charged in shooting

NEW YORK (AP) Rapper Lil' Kim, charged with three other suspects in a radio station shooting in 2001, wants a separate trial, her lawyer said Monday.

Her lawyer, Mel Sachs, argued that the 29-year-old star, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, deserves her own trial because she is not accused of using a weapon, unlike two of her co-defendants.

Lil' Kim, who pleaded innocent to perjury charges and was released on $500,000 bail last week, did not speak at the pretrial hearing. Trial was set for Nov. 15.

Prosecutors allege she lied to a grand jury about a 2001 shootout involving her entourage. Also charged were her manager, bodyguard and a friend. All have pleaded innocent.

Authorities say the shooting happened as Lil' Kim's entourage was leaving the radio station and the entourage of a rival rap group was arriving. One man in the other group's entourage was wounded.

INTERNATIONAL

Ambush on Syrian border triggers battle, leaves five Marines dead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Five U.S. Marines died in an ambush on the Syrian border, triggering a battle with hundreds of guerrillas and pushing the number Americans killed in combat this month to 99.

Reports of the battle - in an area that had seen little fighting previously - came as Spain's prime minister ordered Spanish troops withdrawn from Iraq as soon as possible. Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero had run for office on a promise to withdraw the forces, but the timing of the announcement was unexpected.

At least 25 Iraqis were killed in the fighting that followed Saturday's ambush in Husaybah, 240 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. The city's police chief was among the dead, a hospital official said.

Across Iraq, Saturday was one of the bloodiest days for U.S. troops since the latest uprising began April 4. Five U.S. troops were killed in guerrilla attacks elsewhere in the country and a sixth died in a tank rollover.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces struggled to maintain control of Iraq's highways. The military announced new closures around Baghdad that severed long stretches of roads into the capital from the north, south and west - a reflection of the damage from a two-week guerrilla onslaught on U.S. supply lines.

Insurgent attacks and kidnappers' roadblocks have forced the military to curtail supply convoys and are part of the reason commanders have boosted ground forces by more than 20,000 U.S. troops. The military has already been tied down since April 1 on fronts in southern and central Iraq in the worst violence since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Officials have said the violence threatens to hamstring U.S. reconstruction effort and drive up prices of civilian goods, dealing a blow to a delicate economic recovery in Iraq.

More than 1,500 foreign engineers and contractors have fled Iraq for fear of being abducted or killed, Iraqi Housing Minister Bayan Baqer said Sunday. The military in Baghdad on Sunday announced the death of five U.S. troops the day before in attacks across Iraq.

Three soldiers were killed when their 1st Armored Division convoy was ambushed near the southern Iraqi city of Diwaniyah. Another died when a roadside bomb exploded near a military convoy in Baghdad, and a Marine was killed in action in western Iraq, separate from the fighting by the Syrian border.

Along with the fighting at the border, the deaths brought to 99 the number of U.S. troops in violence killed since April 1. With the death of a soldier in a tank rollover in Baghdad on Saturday, at least 697 U.S. servicemembers have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said last week he had not anticipated such a high death toll. Gen. Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday there was no way to predict casualties.

"This is combat, this is war. This is much more art than it is science. There is no way to make a proper calculation," he said in an interview with CNN.

Rockets aimed at a military camp in western Baghdad hit a nearby civilian area, killing two Iraqi civilians and wounding four others, as well as wounding two U.S. civilian contractors and one soldier.

The fighting in Husaybah began when insurgents ambushed Marines on Saturday, sparking a battle with hundreds of rebel gunmen. Fighting continued Sunday in three neighborhoods of the city, which was sealed off by U.S. forces. Five Marines were killed in the fighting, said Marine spokesman Lt. Eric Knapp. He also said some Marines were wounded, but did not give a number. He reported 25-30 insurgents were killed.

At least 30 Iraqis were wounded, Hamid al-Alousi, a doctor at the hospital in the nearby city of al-Qaim, told the Arab television station Al-Arabiyah. He said some civilians were shot by Marine snipers as they stepped outside to use outdoor toilets behind their houses.

Husaybah police director Imad al-Mahlawi was one of those killed by American snipers, according to a man who identified himself as al-Mahlawi's cousin, Adel Ezzeddin, Al-Arabiya reported. According to Marine intelligence, nearly 300 Iraqi mujahedeen fighters from the Fallujah and Ramadi areas, some 150 miles to the east, launched the offensive in an outpost near Husaybah.

They first set off a roadside bomb to lure Marines out of their base, and then fired 24 mortars as the Marines responded to the first attack, said a correspondent from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch who is embedded with the military.

Myers said U.S. forces are on the border to try to stop foreign fighters from entering Iraq. He complained that Syria was not doing enough to control the border.

"The Syrians need to take this situation very seriously," he said. "I want them to cut off that flow of foreign fighters."

The announcement that Spain would pull out its 1,300 soldiers came just hours after a new Socialist government was sworn in.

In an announcement from the Moncloa Palace, Zapatero said he had ordered the defense minister to "do what is necessary for the Spanish troops stationed in Iraq return home in the shortest time possible."

The Socialists swept to an election victory after March 11 train bombings killed 191 people in Madrid. Militants who claimed responsibility for the attack said it was punishment for backing the United States in the war. Zapatero said he acted after deciding the United Nations was unprepared to take over the occupation of Iraq - his condition for keeping Spanish troops in the country.

The military announced Sunday it closed off the main highway from Baghdad to the Jordanian border, the scene of heavy fighting at the western entrance to Baghdad as well as near Fallujah and Ramadi further down the road. For days, gunmen along the route have been attacking convoys and kidnapping foreigners - including an American soldier and civilian.

The military also shut down a stretch of the main highway north to Turkey, starting at the entrance to Baghdad extending to the town of Balad 42 miles north. Also closed was a 90-mile section of the main southern highway connecting Baghdad with Basra and Kuwait.

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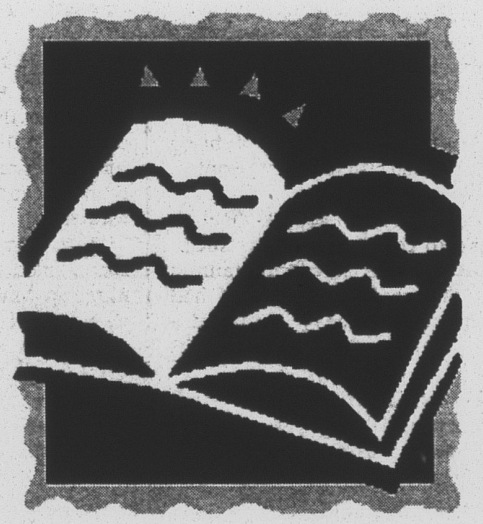

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

How do credit card companies get my room #?! Are you serious?!

Freud is taking over my entire existence!

Greek Week pressure's high!

I just got off the phone with God. He's going to fire mother nature.

Wash your hands after each time you use the toilet

Why is the handicapped door at McKelvey usually locked?

Congrats to CPCP on the great Casino Night. Let's do it again.

I declare next week Latin Week!

My arms are the color of tomatoes.

If your cell phone goes off during class one more time I'll make you eat it for dinner.

My soulmate is in China. How romantic!

Independent Awarness Week

God is chewing my arm. Make it stop, please.

Watch more art

It's amazing how many interesting things are done by people who have no idea what they're doing.

Bad spellers of the world untie.

No more random power outages! I missed the last ten minutes of the O.C.!

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Our Big Fat Greek Ego

You don't have to be Greek to have fun, but it helps. No matter the letters, the Greeks do it better. Such deep, thought-provoking statements would make Greek philosophers turn over in their theoretical graves. Seeing these phrases plastered on fliers all over campus and advertised on t-shirts reinforce the stereotypical image that Greeks think they are superior to every other living, breathing non-Greek creature on Earth. While this is not true, the unfounded belief still seems to thrive at Westminster, where campus life as we know it comes to a complete halt to accommodate the ultimate celebration of the year – Greek Week.

Did anyone even know that our state governor Ed Rendell was on campus on Monday? Probably not. Because the entire Greek community was packed into the club room witnessing Greek Feud that night. If some of us studied as hard for our exams as we studied the colors and mascots of every sorority and fraternity on campus and the number of seats and pipes in Orr Auditorium, we would all be 4.0 students. But Holcad, you may say, this is Greek Week! My mental health and well-being are not nearly as important as my wealth of Greek knowledge or the amount of pie I can consume during the eating contest! What ever happened to priorities?

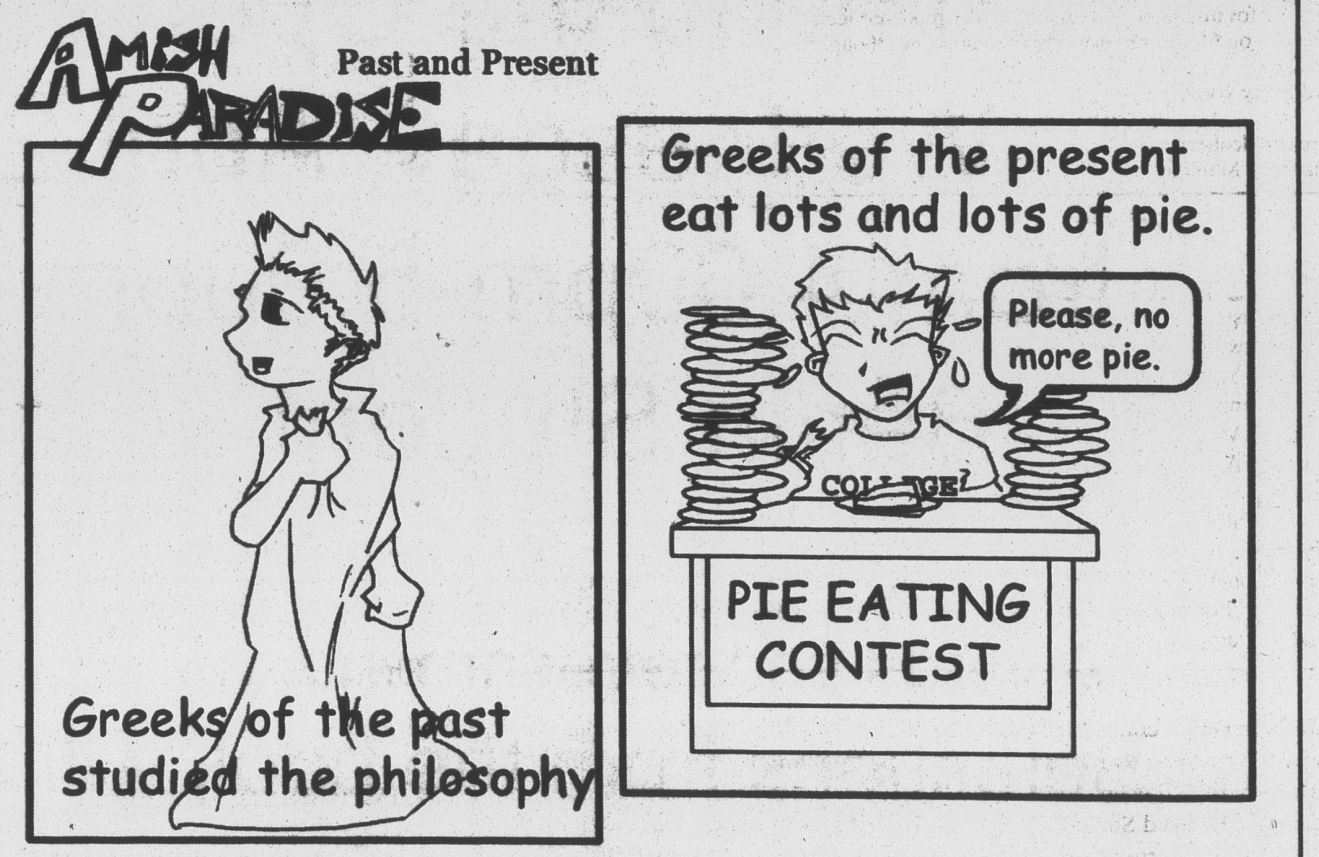
Oh, we are so sorry, it was our mistake entirely. What were we thinking? Really, why do we even have classes this week? Classes on Martin Luther King Day have finally been cancelled, and when you think about it, Greeks beating the crap out of other Greeks is just as worthy of a national holiday.

When it comes down to it, neither Greeks nor independents seem to make it through Greek Week alive.

And this would make life a whole lot easier for the silly students in Hoyt working on their final capstone papers who are getting in the way of the swarms of fraternity brothers and sorority sisters singing and dancing in the hallways at night. How rude! What do you think this is, anyway? A building of learning? Ha! We laugh in your face, science center! Now clear out and make room for Sing 'n' Swing rehearsal.

When it comes down to it, neither Greeks nor independents seem to make it through Greek Week alive. Independents complain about Greek Week. Greeks complain about Greek Week. So what's the point? A week that is meant for celebration only intensifies an unnecessary rivalry within the student community and among the Greek organizations themselves. So take it down a notch, kids, and deflate that Big Fat Greek Ego. Greek Week is supposed to be fun, not a bloody to the death battle. Who cares who wins and who loses? The most important person to challenge this week is yourself. So test your own boundaries and take advantage of the week to become better acquainted with students both in and outside of your fraternity or sorority.

Remember, Westminster is not all Greek to everyone.



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I am writing to respond to recent opinion columns by Drew Huston in the Holcad. It's a shame Drew never contacted me or Jeff Creveling, Director of Sodexho dining, to answer questions he had about the meal plans.

If Drew is going to compare meal plan prices for this year with next year's, he immediately has a problem, because "meals" in next year's scheme are quite different from block meals in our current dining program. Students will have the option to eat all-you-can-eat meals in the dining room or to pick and choose from a la carte offerings at the Orchard Street Café.

It is this flexibility that is the hallmark of the new program and the one that represents the input of the current students. Therefore it is virtually impossible to take one of the current meal plans which have a defined number of all-you-can-eat meals and compare that with the flexibility afforded under the new plan. He is forgetting that 70% of our "meals" are now being served at the OSC. Using the meal exchange there, students are forfeiting their higher priced block meals for a lower priced meal exchange. That is the basic economic factor that is driving the new meal plans.

In my twenty years of experience with meal plans at Westminster, pricing has always included what the industry calls "a missed meal factor." Simply stated, when meal plans were universal and no choice offered, for example, 19 meals per week, it was a given that students were going to miss a certain portion of those meals during a semester and that factor was then figured into the price. As meal plans became more responsive to student choice, however, that missed meal plan factor has decreased. The fact is that it is non-existent in declining balance plans. Because students can use their discretionary money all semester and even roll it over from fall to spring, there is no missed meal factor: the money will be spent. The economic impact is clear: meal plan prices must increase.

Still I submit that meal plan prices for next year represent only an inflationary increase in price from this year's plans. If you compare the 125 block plan at $1300.00 this semester (which includes $70 in dine dollars) with the $1350.00 plan next semester, even with Drew's calculated "average" meal plan price of $9.44, that would still allow 143 "meals." 143 compared to 125 plus $70 dine dollars: that still looks like a bargain, not a ripoff, to me.

I think Drew has misunderstood the Penn State information from their website. Given the schedule of discounting for students with point plans, the points are valued at a penny a point and that makes his assertions about buying power incorrect. Remember that those suggested meal prices are averages only, based on estimated buying patterns and discounting on the items purchased. Just as in our plans, it is very hard under their scheme to know what a "meal" will cost. His conclusions are incorrect: Penn State students will pay much more in overhead fees and have less "buying" power than under our plans.

I also need to correct his assertion that 1400 students are paying for meal plans. That is not true. The actual number is closer to 1100 and as I've stated before the overhead dollars go for much more than heat in the food service areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

Don Shelenberger
Business Manager

Classifieds

The Westminster College chapter of the **Alpha Phi Omega** Natonal Service Fraternity will hold its annual spring service project, Canoe-A-Thon, on April 25 from 1-5pm

The event will take place at Westminster College's Lake Britton and Anderson Amphitheater. The proceeds from the Canoe-A-Thon will benefit the Pittsburgh AIDS Task force to further AIDS research.

The event will include food, games, face painting, kite flying, music, canoe races and open canoeing all day. In addition, Miss Canoe will make a special appearance.

For a donation of $2 per person, attendees can support his charity and have a great time. For additional details, please contact Tracy Blount (724) 946-6794 or Aaron Dugan (724) 946-7516.

Mother's Day is coming around the bend, and what better way to celebrate than by giving to needy moms in the area? The **Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn** (CPU) is holding a "Baby Supply Drive" for Mother's Day. Look for us in the Orchard Street Cafe next week during lunch and dinner. You (individually or with a group) can sign up to purchase items such as diapers, baby food, baby wipes, etc. for new moms who could use some help in that area. All items are due on May 3. Monetary donations are also welcome in place of the purchased items if you cannot get out to buy them! As a reward for those who donate, we are having a get-together in the Student Lounge/Club Room on Thursday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. We will have food, games, prizes, and free stuff! Everyone is welcome to attend.

With Earth Day this week, and as the temporary organizational president of the new Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), I felt the campus community might appreciate an update on the progress our organization has recently made.

The SSC drafted a constitution and met with SLAC on March 9th. We received temporary SLAC approval, on the condition that we appear before SLAC again if/when we desired to become nationally affiliated. SSC has established a positive relationship with the national organization and will delve into national affiliation soon because we easily meet their requirements for affiliation. We have met twice with physical plant and have developed a friendly relationship with that part of the administration. Through the meetings we have begun a "Turn off the lights - Save energy" campaign in Hoyt. If enough energy is saved in Hoyt through the month of April, SSC will carry this campaign across campus. Also, Physical Plant is purchasing more, and more durable, recycling bins for our campus that will be present in more locations soon.

The SSC participated in the national Clean Energy Day of Action when we distributed 250 "Clean Energy Times", across campus. Because of our participation in these events, SSC received materials that document many "green campus" initiatives that have been taken on college campuses and we are determining the possibilities for such initiatives at Westminster. We have written letters to Ed Rendell, thanking him for his initiative to make PA's energy consumption at least 10% clean energy in the next 10 years, while also encouraging him to take further steps to reduce PA's dependence on "dirty" energy sources such as coal.

On May 3rd, members of the Coalition will attend a borough meeting to ask questions about recycling laws in the borough and the state in an attempt to understand and improve our recycling program. (Documented state law requires that we recycle corrugated cardboard, but we do not.) On May 6th, alum, environmentalist, and professor of environmental studies at Oberlin College, David Orr will visit campus. He will speak at 6 pm in Phillips about his new book "The Last Refuge; Patriotism, Politics and the Environment in an Age of Terror". The Coalition is looking into getting involved in PA's Adopt-a-Highway program, and we are determining the feasibility of an end-of-the-year-move-out material collection and community yard sale as a fundraiser.

Anyone with questions or interested in joining our organization is encouraged to email kingcr@westminster.edu

Thanks and Happy Spring,
Colby King, on behalf of The Sierra Student Coalition

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Kill Bill vol. 2

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Remember last semester when we reviewed Kill Bill Vol. 1? Remember all of the blood? The violence? The incredible storytelling? Remember how excited we were to see Vol. 2? Well actually, we sort of forgot too until last Tuesday, when Vol 1 was released on DVD and all of the pleasant memories flooded back to us. And on Friday we were presented with Vol. 2.

The story picks up, exactly where Vol. 1 started. Actually, Tarantino simply replays the beginning of Vol. 1, presented slightly different to the audience to reestablish our connection with The Bride. From there, the film drives down the highway, literally, telling us the short tidbits of information that took place between volumes one and two: This sets the pace for The Bride to confront her last three enemies on "The Death List": Budd, Elle Driver, and Bill himself.

Many people felt that splitting the movie in two was simply a marketing plan. It could have been. No one will know for sure. What is known is that it can easily be seen that the two volumes flow perfectly as one and possibly even better as two. By this we mean that the mood and story flow seamlessly between the two films, but certain details are very distinctive in both. Specifically, Vol. 1 featured a more art house, formalistic approach to directing; integrating flashbacks and even anime to tell the story. Vol. 2 uses a somewhat more classical (for Tarantino) approach to directing. Also the violence is nearly all gone from Vol. 2, which features more dialogue and emotion than the first volume. It is this choice by Tarantino that makes Volume Two stand out in his brilliant career. Normally focused on violence, Tarantino takes a different turn in downplaying the violence and reinforcing the emotional value of all the characters, including the villains.

While Tarantino is mainly known to general audiences as a director, it is in his writing that he shines the most. In Kill Bill, both volumes, Tarantino displays what a screenplay and storytelling should be. Every aspect is foreshadowed, even slightly. All allusions are meaningful, and all symbolism is included because it means something, not because he's showing off his wit. By doing this, the audience feels as if we've traveled with every character, not just The Bride, and we respect them on a level that most will never understand. Essentially, this level is reached in classical samurai and ninja films between both heroes and villains. Wait. Kill Bill is a ninja movie. Brilliant. On the other hand, like many of his movies, Tarantino writes in scenes that a trained screenwriter would avoid completely. Certain sequences take place that develop no characters at all. They are merely used to show some sort of interesting trick or pay homage to a genre Tarantino obviously loves. None the less, Tarantino has an Oscar for writing and we don't, nor are we trained screenwriters so we'll just ignore those "problems" like everyone else seems to be doing.

David Carradine as the infamous Bill in Quinntin Tarantino's *Kill Bill vol. 2*

As far as acting goes, let's just say they all nailed it. This is easily Uma's finest moment on the big screen, and she reaches a depth with her character that an "action star" rarely achieves. We can think of no other actress that could properly play this role. She is The Bride. David Carradine, as Bill himself, is not your typical villain. Is he evil? Yes. However, his character has reasons for his actions that can apply to everyone. Therefore, the audience surprisingly doesn't hate Bill despite the atrocities he commits. This shows how important Carradine's performance is to the success of the film. Another performance we cannot go without mention is the renaissance of Daryl Hannah. Previously known for Splash and dating JFK Jr., Hannah jumps off the screen the moment she appears. Though she was in Volume One briefly, it is in this film where she has her moment in the sun. She is evil, sexy, manipulative, sadistic, vengeful, and total camp. This is a totally unexpected side to this actress.

We know that we are shying away from discussing the plot and what exactly happens in this film. However, like Volume One, saying anything at all is saying too much. Trust us; you will be glad we didn't give anything away. If you liked Volume One, then you MUST see Volume Two. No excuses. In the movie theater. Go now or you'll never appreciate the size of the main titles. Uma killed Bill and boy was it great. A.

The one that made me laugh: saying goodbye to 'These Friends of Mine'

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

We have just about three weeks left of this school year. That means VolleyRock, cramming for finals, and the start of May sweeps on TV.

Yes, kids, it's finale time yet again. Some shows take a little break until September, and others we will bid farewell to forever - like Angel, Fraiser, and of course, Friends.

Joey, Phoebe, Chandler, Monica, Ross, and Rachel. I think we know them just as well as our own friends and families. If you think about it, kids who were born the year the series premiered are now in fourth and fifth grade. And really, we were all still in elementary school when Friends made Thursday Must See TV night.

Originally set to be named "These Friends of Mine" (happily the network shortened that title), Friends has given us ten years of catch phrases - "How you doin'?" "I'm the Christmas armadillo!"- and infamous hairstyles (the 'Rachel'). Love it or hate it, Friends has made a permanent stamp on American pop culture.

With just two episodes left, ("The One with Rachel's Going Away Party" and a full two hours on May 6 - one hour finale and an hour of clips) I think this definitely the end of an era.

We are also left with some very important questions: Will Ross and Rachel finally get together, and stay that way, for good? They'd better, after ten years of going back and forth, and a daughter.

Is Chandler going to make a good father? Will Monica ever not be an anal-retentive clean freak? Yes, and no, respectively. Chandler has taken care of Joey for so long, he's more than ready for fatherhood. Monica wouldn't be Monica ifshe wasn't disinfecting something.

Will Phoebe's music career ever take off? Doubtful. 'Smelly Cat' will be a Central Perk classic for years to come, but I think her marriage to Mike will bring her greater success.

How well will Joey do in LA, away from his friends? I hope he does very well. Joey is probably my favorite character.

Shows that really make us laugh out loud are few and far between any more. Friends definitely has that "often imitated but never duplicated" air about it.When it slumped, as all shows do at some point, it rebounded in surprising ways, like with Rachel's pregnancy. I'll be there for Joey in the fall, and I'm hoping Chandler stops in for a game of Foosball.

Beastie Boys pay homage to New York City in upcoming release

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

The Beastie Boys will release the trio's first new LP since 1998's Hello Nasty this summer. The new album is titled To the 5 Boroughs. Boroughs was recorded in the group's new studio on the west side of Manhattan.

"The last album was a good album," Beastie Boy Ad-Rock said in a prerecorded video interview that accompanied media-listening sessions for the new album. "But coach felt we needed to work on defense and stuff in the off-season. So the past - I don't know, three years? - We've been working on defense."

The album's first song, "Ch-Check It Out," will also its first single. The song is a blast from the past, with Mike D, Ad-Rock and MCA weaving through a bed of break dance beats.

The Beastie Boys aren't shy about who they fault for the chaos they see around them, and it's safe to say no one in the Bush family will be rocking this Beasties album.

"We've got a president we didn't elect/ The Kyoto Treaty he decided to neglect," MCA rhymes on "Time to Build." It's one of several songs in which he overtly, colloquially comments on the issues in the world today.

The other ingredient in Boroughs, obvious from its album title, is the Beastie Boys love of New York. Tentative cover art features a sketch of the Manhattan skyline, including the former World Trade Center.

Songs like "An Open Letter to NYC" pay homage to the city in literal terms. The song sounds like a mash-up remix of a lost, post-disco New York rock track, with snarling guitars and a buoyant bass line.

MCA raps, "Dear New York, I hope you're doing well/ I know a lot's happened and you've been through hell/ So we give thanks for providing a home/ Through your gates at Ellis Island we passed in droves."

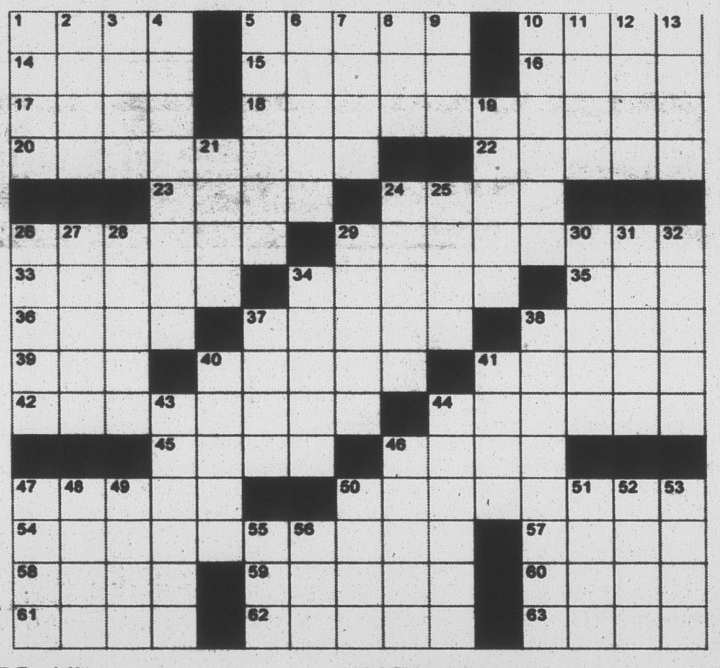
Boroughs has a distinctly old-school feel thanks to synthesized bass lines and scattered percussion laced with classic hip-hop samples. On "Triple Trouble" the Beasties flow into the harmonized rhymes of vintage hip-hop group Double Trouble.

While DJ Mix Master Mike cuts up the song's extended rhythms, Ad-Rock rhymes, "Versatile like All-Temp-a-Cheer/ If you wanna drink, call Mr. Belvedere/ Run this rap game like a brigadier."

Crossword 101

The Big Splurge

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars. The rest I just squandered.

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Stick with those who have loved and supported you through thick and thin. There is someone in the immediate vicinity that is jealous of your friends and family, and will try to drive a wedge in between you and those you love. You need to make a choice.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
A slow start this week will make it a week of catching up. Your heart is probably not in your work and it will show. There seems to be some contradictions about commitment to a romantic relationship. There are important factors to be weighed before making decisions.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is a sense that you are walking on quicksand during the week, and there is little you can do about it. Make any necessary sacrifices of time and energy to correct this uncertain situation. You and your significant other make a connection and become even closer.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Don't be caught up in your own ideas and point of view that you cease to hear what those around you are saying. Let go of the need to always be right. You may be frustrated at what seems to be your lack of progress, but take the time to realize just how far you've come.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You will get ahead by working hard during the week. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but not to worry, because your work is above reproach. Shortly you will be riding high on the waves of success, enjoy it for you deserve every bit given to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A financial windfall is quite possible this week. Prosperity is definitely a main issue for the next couple of months, so instead of whining, it's time to take action. A surge of inspiration will enable you to do whatever needs doing, and be innovative with solutions.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Use whatever clout you have to get some creative changes off the ground. Friends can really come in handy during times like this. Someone may want to flirt and tell you pretty lies, but don't be taken in, just enjoy the entertainment. Pay attention to your spiritual side.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is quite commendable this week, to a point. Your superiors may be more impressed is your approach is more balanced. Learn to delegate if management is one of your goals. Both courage and integrity will do well for you.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Your hard work may have just finally brought about completion and success. Enjoy the admiration of those around you; you definitely deserve it. Spend wisely on any spree you find yourself on. Don't keep your stress to yourself; such pent up emotions will make you ill.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A little self-contemplation will get your week off and running on a positive note. You may be pleased with your work up until now, but want to improve in various areas. Allow a troublesome problem that has been hanging over your head for some time, take care of itself.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
There is a fine line between having a good time and overdoing it, and your body is likely to be the best judge of that this week, just make sure to listen. If your current relationship is a bit unbalanced, playing the roles to faithfully may cause resentment.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Money matters may not be as fruitful as you had expected this week, after all the effort you put into these financial gains, try not to let it get to you. Maybe it's time to make changes instead of being weighed down with so much responsibility. Think things out carefully.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The thought of being free has always been important to you, and you may invariably dream of escaping to another location. You can also travel in your mind by reading books or renting videos. Unusual people you meet now may turn out to be inspiring.

FEATURE

Dirty Truth: Bathrooms on Campus

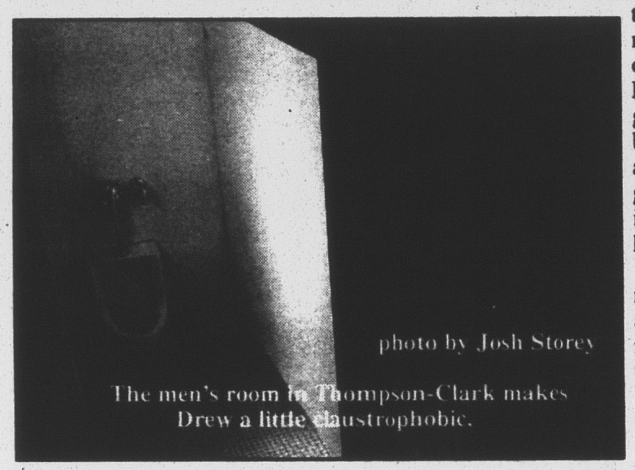
by Drew Huston
News Editor

On Westminster's campus, there are good places, and there are some not-so-good places. Particularly, there are good men's restrooms, and there are not-so-good ones. Therefore, I shall present to the campus my views on the best and worst men's rooms on campus.

I begin with a favorite of mine – the men's room on the second floor of Patterson hall. This restroom is arguably the most-used of any in an academic building, and the construction and layout of it is very nice. In fact, I think I'll go use it now. Ahh, that's better. The Patterson bathroom is what every bathroom should strive to be – it is always clean, it is always stocked with paper towels and soap, and it has a wonderful metal shelf to put your bookbag or any other knickknacks on while you're there.

A bathroom that I don't particularly care for, though, is the men's room on the second floor of Hoyt, outside of the science library. This bathroom must be on top of a vent for a steam pipe, because it is always 200 degrees in there at a minimum. The heat is oppressive, and tends to make one loathe to go into the restroom there at all. The smell (usually caused by the heat) is equally unpleasant. Add to this the general cramped nature of the Hoyt restrooms, and you have a fairly bad bathroom experience.

Another favorite of mine is on the third floor of McGill library. I bet you didn't even know it existed, did you? Well, there's both a men's and a women's room up there, and both are quiet little private nooks where one can relax and have some time to themselves. It's like a little vacation there, and I'm actually kind of nervous to give its location away. I guess that's what being a journalist is all about – educating the people.



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The men's room in Thompson-Clark makes Drew a little claustrophobic.

A further not-so-good bathroom can be found on the third floor of Thompson-Clarke Hall. This bathroom screams claustrophobia. With tight walls and oddly-slanted mirrors (it's like a funhouse in there!), it's an experience that users who aren't used to the room are anxious to end quickly.

Still another restroom that you shouldn't miss in your tenure here at Westminster is the men's room on the bottom floor of Galbreath hall, just outside of the cafeteria. Though it might tend to be a bit cold in there, it, even more than Patterson's restroom, is always spotless and well-stocked. It also lends a wonderful feeling of privacy as well, particularly because there's a lock on the door.

The restrooms in the McKelvey Center are not really my favorites, namely because of the noxious odors seeping from them at all hours of the day that seemingly have no explanation. I have been the first one in those restrooms on any given day, immediately after they have been cleaned (and they are always fairly clean, mind you), and they still make one's nose crinkle when they enter the room. I'm not sure whether it's a sewer gas leak or some other problem, but these bathrooms would be the best ones on campus if they just didn't have that stench.

A good restroom that is sort of out of the way is the Hillside restroom in the lobby. This restroom, familiar to all men who have been to Hillside, is a bit small, but in a positive way – it lends an almost intimacy to your experience there. It is always comfortably cool in there, especially in the warmer months, and sometimes there are little spiders in the corners of the room (which I think is pretty cool – plus it signifies that the place isn't being used that terribly much).

One bathroom to avoid if you get creeped-out easily is the bathroom in the basement of McGill library. While some (like me) enjoy the privacy and the quiet of this bathroom, it can be a little creepy, as the building is old and tends to creak and groan a lot. Plus, there's always the infamous ghost of McGill lurking about. Sometimes there are strange odors in there, too, though that might just be a result of old plumbing. Regardless, this is a good restroom for me, but other people I know avoid it at all costs. I guess you should just try it for yourself and see how you like it.

Finally, my favorite restroom on campus is, and has always been, the men's room on the first floor of Old Main – where the smell of citrus accompanies you when nature calls, and where there is always an immaculate sink waiting for you to wash your hands. The restroom is roomy and cozy, and is very easy to be comfortable in. Naturally, being the restroom outside both the President's and the Dean's offices would point toward it being special, and that is why it earns my vote for the best bathroom on campus. You should not miss this bathroom during your time here.

In my four years here, I've had a chance to experience nearly every public restroom on this campus, and I hope that my educated decisions will help to influ-

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

It's 2 a.m. on a weekend, and you and your best bud (who just happens to be of the opposite gender) are watching videos in your dorm room when it happens. The inevitable, "Can you walk me down to the bathroom?" You gather your slippers and walk your guest down to the lobby and the unisex bathroom and wait outside while they do their business. But have you ever been in that unisex bathroom?

I'll tell you this: it's not pretty. The impression that outsiders get of our facilities here is not a good one. Most of the restrooms, while perfectly functional, were apparently designed by a sleep-deprived monkey.

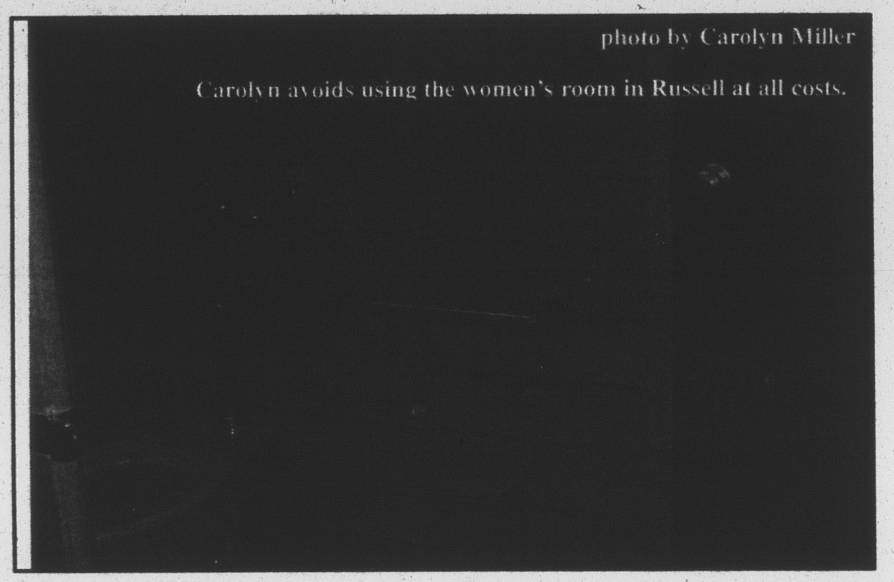

photo by Carolyn Miller

Carolyn avoids using the women's room in Russell at all costs.

Take Shaw's unisex bathroom, for example. You have to be unhealthily thin to squeeze yourself behind the sink after opening the door, then turn to close the door just to get to the toilet.

The restroom in Browne makes even less sense. While the restroom itself is nothing mind-bending, the fact remains that any guy who needs to use this public restroom has to be walked through the first floor of dorm rooms first.

Russell is the only dormitory with separate restrooms for men and women. However, the women's restroom used to be much nicer - and then the two rooms were switched. The women's room now has one rather derelict stall that doesn't close properly, and another stall that closes fine, but for some reason features an extra wooden door in the wall next to the toilet.

The Eichenauer unisex restroom would have been examined in more detail, but the door was open, the lights on, and the urinal very recently used in a non-sanitary manner. Remember, boys: girls have to use that restroom too.

Of course, as an ultimate example of awkward bathrooms, check out Galbreath's unisex restroom. There's plenty of space to walk back to the urinal, or if you're female, the stall. That's where the space ends. The toilet itself is angled towards the wall, and the stall door swings inwards to an astounding two inches from the toilet bowl. In order to exit the stall, one has to back up and straddle the toilet to free up the room to open the stall door.

Then, there are the public restrooms in the various non-residential buildings on campus. While some are simply nice, like the ones in Hoyt and the library, some just don't make sense.

The women's restroom in Old 77 is very nice and pretty, and even smells nicely (a feat in itself). But the stall doors are the old saloon-style doors that swing open and shut, and don't latch closed. Also, once inside the stall with the doors closed, it's another struggle to get out again.

When it came to looking into Old Main's public restroom, this writer was lucky she was only 5' 2". The first door is normal enough, but once inside the room, there's a sharp turn to the right through a seemingly extra doorframe that's only a little more than six feet high. Women must have to take their heels off to powder their noses there, not to mention the fact that they have to pass 10 toilet stalls and make a turn to the left to find the alcove of three sinks.

To end this crusade for a decent toilet on a high note, sanity and sanitation was found in the newly built McKelvey campus center. Three floors of identical bathrooms, all well-kept and well-lit, with no exposed or rusting pipes. No poor paint jobs, just a clean and functional restroom at long last.

So, the next time you escort your significant other to the restroom at night, remember what they're going into. And if you don't like it, you can always trek to McKelvey.

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: College Politics

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

Before I begin this article, I just want to make one thing perfectly clear. Never in my time here at Westminster have I felt academically discriminated against by the faculty because of my political affiliation. I would like to especially give kudos to the political science department. Although their views are quite different than mine, I have always felt more than comfortable expressing my opinion in their classrooms: Thank you.

Ok, let's be honest with ourselves here. "Liberal education" doesn't even begin to describe the atmosphere here at Westminster. We'll first begin with the faculty and staff. Most don't hide their political preference, and I don't believe they should have to. We are big boys and girls, and we can handle a difference in opinion, both among ourselves and our educators. However, I do wish that we had a little more "variety" in our faculty. For example, when choosing an advisor for the College Republicans, we had a choice of about three professors. Three. Mind you, Dr. Castro is a great advisor, and I couldn't have asked for a better faculty member, but I can't even fathom the faculty pool the College Democrats or the Green Party could pull from in choosing their advisors. Also, I have noticed that some faculty aren't exactly supportive of conservative groups such as the College Republicans and the CPU. I'm sorry, I thought this was a liberal institution, meaning that students have an opportunity to be exposed to both sides of every issue, not just the left. Are you afraid that they might be educated and conservative? What a horrific combination, huh?

Now for the students. Many will argue that the majority of students here at Westminster consider themselves to be conservative. I will agree, when forced to answer the question of political affiliation, many students will grudgingly respond "Republican". But these are the students who are either politically naïve or just plain apathetic. They don't know what ideals and principles represent them, so they just spout off the political affiliation of their parents. I'm supposed to chalk him or her up as one for the GOP? They don't even know what GOP stands for, and even more importantly, they don't vote (I could also probably write whatever I wanted about the politically ignorant in this article because I'm sure they don't read it). I still argue that among the students here at Westminster that are knowledgeable in the field of politics, most would consider themselves to be of the liberal persuasion. It's also very apparent in the classroom, as I find myself to be often outnumbered 10:1. Oh, but don't cry for me, I like challenges.

Finally, we must look at the general atmosphere of the College. Sure, we are a Presbyterian-affiliated school, which does put into place some generally "conservative" policies (the single sex dorms, the visitation hours, etc). But these are the policies of the past, which are desperately gripped by the donating alumni. You will notice, however, that there is a movement by both the staff and students to change these and other conservative policies. To quote Bob Dylan, "The times, they are a'changin" and it's certainly not shifting to the policies of Bob Jones University.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

This week's article is not typical for Jess and I. Instead of debating national and international issues of United States policy, this week we are addressing the political affiliation and biases on campus. For those of us in the political science arena, the debate always goes back and forth regarding whether Westminster is conservative or liberal. Personally, I find the campus to be amply conservative.

Now first off, I will concede that for the most part, professors on this campus tend to lean towards the political left; however, that is not anything outside of the national trend and therefore not an anomaly for Westminster.

Starting beyond merely the bounds of the Westminster campus, we must first concede that New Wilmington PA is not known for being a pantheon of liberalism (let alone Democrats…). Walk through New Wilmington and you may notice the lack of open stores on Sunday's or notice the lack of any type of alcohol a myriad of other issues. While these issues are not necessarily bad, they go along with the ideas more often attributed to the conservative side of the political spectrum.

Thus our backdrop is set for the political slant of Westminster College. Continuing the fine example of New Wilmington, Westminster also employs many similar conservative ideals and regulations. In this case I am addressing issues such as single sex dormitories and visitation hours (which is supposed to discourage sexual escaped between students, because we all know you can't have these relations before midnight).

And when we aren't talking about conservative college policies, we talk about general attitudes of students on this campus. When we aren't being completely clueless and ignorant at Mock Convention; we are merely being, in many cases, miniature political clones of our parents. How many people on this campus are Bush supporters for no other reason than your parents are voting for him? And granted this can be attributed to many on campus (liberal or conservative), the fact of the matter is, that the majority of those on campus have conservative parents and families.

Additionally, while Ms. Rummel may site the fact that there are increasing amounts of "liberal" organizations on campus (such as Green Party, College Democrats, Student Sierra Coalition, Allies, etc…) it is imperative to note two things. First that I question when it became "liberal" to have concerns about the environment or equality? Second, the majority of these supposed liberal organizations on campus have large sections of "cross over" members; thus while there are many organizations, the membership is consistently the same people).

And though Westminster College and its students are not as conservative as institutions such as Grove City or Bob Jones University (shudder), we are much more conservative than the majority of public and private colleges and universities in America. I figured this was a good argument especially considering Westminster compares itself to everyone else on everything from admissions to facilities to tuition hikes!

All in all, from the students to the college's policies to the very town we live in, Westminster College is an undeniably conservative institution.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Things aren't that bad

by Drew Huston
News Editor

I've gotten some recent requests of late to change up my angry articles - namely, to do a positive one. I have no problem with that, so this week, I'm going to talk about the top ten things that I am most definitely not angry about. So, without further ado, here we go:

10. The Weather. I am not angry at the weather, and I don't complain about it like so many squeamish people around here do, because I really don't mind it. At least we have clearly defined seasons here. I like all sorts of weather - rain, snow, and sunshine. I like all of the seasons, too. Pennsylvania weather is something I actually enjoy, and I guess that puts me in a minority on this campus. If you hate it so much, and are so anxious to leave, I wish you luck in finding that ideal climate. Just a warning though: eventually, California is going to fall into the Pacific.

9. My Parents. A lot of people in college life (including me until this year) have this horrible loathing hatred of their parents. People are striving for their independence, and they don't want their parents being overly involved with their lifestyle. I can empathize - really. I know what those people are feeling, but I've come to a kind of Zen-like state with my parents, where I respect and love them, and they do the same for me. Yes, I can only spend a limited amount of time with them before they begin to wear on me, but I found that coming to this state was mostly an internal problem that I had to deal with, not the other way around as I (and most people) thought.

8. The Greek System. To put it simply - I used to really dislike the Greek system for a number of reasons, most of which get repeated by Independents every year ad nauseum. I've again come to a state where it really doesn't matter anymore. I don't consider it apathy, as much as just growing out of the dislike I once had. Simply put, I just don't care anymore. There is a flourishing Greek community on this campus - Westminster waves it like a flag, and it's something that we all have to deal with. I'm fine with Greeks - I have friends in every fraternity and sorority, and I don't consider their "Greek-ness" as any major difference between us. Come on - it's just some letters.

7. Diabetes. Yes, I'm a diabetic. I've had it since I was 7 years old, and believe me, I've had rage about it for a good period of my life. But I'm no longer angry at it. What is the use of being so angry at something that you have to live and function with every day for your entire life? This summer, I realized that Diabetes could overshadow my life, or could join the crowd of other things that define my life. I told it to join the crowd, and I am handling it better than I ever have.

6. Professors. There are some professors on this campus that I don't particularly care for - I mean, come on, I'm human and not all humans get along, right? But this doesn't mean that I'm going to be raging against them. The reason I'm not angry at professors is because of what they do here. They don't get paid nearly as much as they deserve to be, folks - that's the plain and simple truth. Our professors, though you might not get along with all of them, are all, each and every one of them, committed to helping us learn and to become better, thinking people.

5. The Registrar's office. A lot of people have rage regarding the Registrar's office, but I'm not one of them. Serving on faculty committees, and actually talking to June Garner, I've realized that no system is perfect, the Westminster Registrar staff is always willing to try to help us all get our degrees here in four years. They are helpful, and really do care about us getting out of here on time, and making sure that we get things done. Give these people a break.

4. The SGA. I'm not mad at SGA, number one, because I'm a part of it. I've seen the work that we've tried to do throughout my four years here, and we've done a lot for this campus and for the students involved on it. I have a lot of respect for the students who make the commitment and give the time and energy it takes to really make a difference on this campus, and I think the students have a lot more say in matters than they used to, and SGA is a big part of why that happened.

3. God. A lot of people my age are angry with or are unsure of God. Now, we go to a Christian school, and so there is a community of people here who are very in-touch with their faith. That's wonderful. But, speaking as someone who formerly was so embittered against God, I've come to make my peace with Him and to kind of determine my own brand of faith and communication with Him. I personally believe in things happening for a reason. I've come to my own peace with God.

2. Losing. I used to have such a problem with losing. Getting dumped by someone I really loved, or losing a friendship that I had thought was secure were things that were intolerable blows to me. But, I've gained peace from this fear and hatred of losing through realizing that it's really the losses that make some of the biggest differences in our characters. I still don't like to lose - nobody does - but I understand that I can gain from even the largest loss, and that is something that everyone should remember.

1. Anybody Who Responds to My Articles. Whether you agree or disagree with me, if you are active and motivated enough to write in response to me, I respect you. I may completely disagree with you, but I still respect the fact that you have your own opinion and are bringing them up. But, if you have a well thought-out opinion, and you bring it up, either to me or to the editors of the Holcad as Mr. Shelenberger did this week, I respect your opinion, even though I might disagree wholeheartedly with it.

So, not everything makes me angry. I'm actually a lot more positive with things than I have ever been before in my life, if that says anything. I appreciate your reading my column, and hope that you continue to fight for what you believe in.

SPORTS

Lady Titans' softball lead PAC 6-2

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

After posting a blistering 17-6 non-conference record, the Lady Titans softball team sits atop the President's Athletic Conference with a 6-2 in conference record. Including conference play, the Lady Titans own a 23-8 record overall.

With only two seniors, the youthful vigor of the Lady Titans has bred success. The Lady Titans have earned strong pitching from freshman standout pitcher Jennifer Pancake, who owns a 13-5 record, and sophomore Katie Parfitt is 5-1.

Strong pitching, coupled with timely hitting from seasoned veterans senior third baseman Julie Zappa and juniors first baseman Heidi Kimmel and shortstop Lauren Boris, has allowed the Lady Titans to dominate their conference season.

Before splitting an April 18th doubleheader with PAC rival Waynesburg, the Lady Titans ran off victories in their first four conference games.

The Lady Titans started PAC play with a pair of victories over Thiel. The Lady Titans won by scores of 5-3 and 2-0.

Pancake and Parfitt applied the one-two punch as Pancake earned the game one victory and Parfitt tallied the win in game two.

The Lady Titans followed up the sweep of Thiel with a two game sweep of Washington & Jefferson. In game one, Pancake earned the victory, while Zappa, Kimmel, and Boris provided strong plate work.

In game two, Kimmel went 3-for-4 at the plate, Pancake cracked her first home-run of the season, and Parfitt earned the pitching win.

The Lady Titans lost their first conference game at the hands of the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets by the count of 1-0. In the loss, Pancake allowed only one run on four hits.

In game two, the Lady Titans rebounded as Parfitt improved her record to 5-1 and Pancake went 3-for-3 at the plate.

On Wednesday, April 20th, the Lady Titans split a home double-header with Grove City. The Lady Titans fell by the count of 2-0 in game one, but rebounded with a 9-0 victory in game two.

The Lady Titans produced little in game one, but in game two posted nine runs in a five winning contest (result of the "eight-run rule"). Pancake, Boris, and sophomore second baseman Abby Mazar posted two RBIs a piece.

Conference play has revealed a Titan team that is close-knit and driven.

"A part of our success comes from us being friends on and off the field," Boris said. "It's rare to see one of us around campus alone. We stick together and our play benefits."

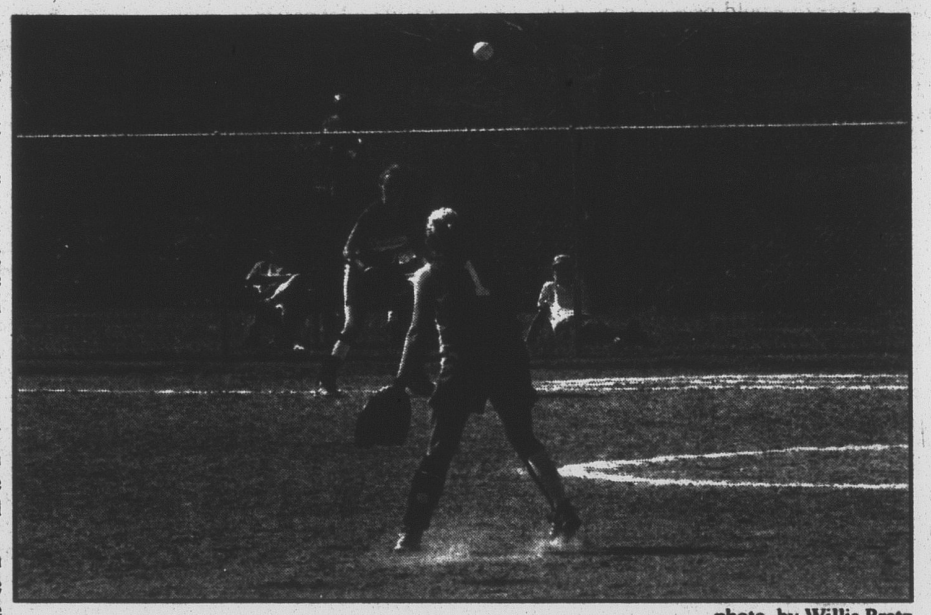

photo by Willis Bretz
Junior short-stop Lauren Boris makes a play at first against Waynesburg this past Sunday.

In other words, the Lady Titans, despite their youth, enjoy incredible success because they are a team.

Vince Lombardi once said," Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

The Lady Titans are a group of individuals commited to group success. As a result, they very rarely fail.

Weather pending, the Lady Titans return to PAC action on Saturday in a 1 p.m. home affair against the Bethany Bison.

Men's Tennis

photo by Willis Bretz
Brothers Ben and John Libert teamed up against Grove City in doubles competition.

The men's tennis team closed the 2004 dual match regular season at 10-9 overall today in Hiram, Ohio, as the Titan netters posted a 4-3 non-conference win at Hiram College. The two teams evenly split six singles matches, while Westminster captured two of three doubles contests to earn the decisive team doubles point.

Three Titans were double winners against the Terriers. The junior duo of Mark Gross and Dave Molitor won at #1 and #3 singles, respectively, while teaming for victory at #1 doubles. Sophomore Ben Libert captured both #4 singles and #3 doubles with senior brother John Libert.

The Titan netters close the 2004 season this Friday and Saturday (April 23-24) at the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships at the Pennbriar Fitness & Racquet Club in Erie, Pa.

2004 NFL Draft Preview

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

It's the moment that we have been waiting for since the season ended back in January: the NFL Draft. It's a long three months for football fans. After all the excitement that free agency provided for us this off-season, this weekend's draft has the makeup to be even more exhilarating. Here's a look at how I think the first half of Round 1 will shape up (assuming there are no trades and that every team drafts in order):

1) San Diego Chargers- QB Eli Manning, Ole Miss

This would be the safest pick for the Chargers to make. Some scouts think Eli could be better than Peyton Manning. Current Charger quarterback Drew Brees hasn't proven he can win at this level, so look for the Chargers to draft their franchise quarterback right here.

2) Oakland Raiders- OT Robert Gallery, Iowa

Up until this week, it looked like Mike Williams was going to be the pick. However, with his departure, look for the Raiders to play it safe and take the best offensive lineman available.

3) Arizona Cardinals- WR Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt

If Fitzgerald is still available, Denny Green will have his decision made as soon as his team is on the clock. Fitzgerald will be a nice compliment to Anquan Boldin. Arizona will have the best set of young receivers in the league.

4) New York Giants- QB Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Ohio)

With Gallery off the board, the Giants will almost surely take Big Ben. Roethlisberger has the physical tools to be a very productive quarterback in this league. He will have time to develop for a year or two behind Kerry Collins.

5) Washington Redskins- TE Kellen Winslow, Miami

Coach Joe Gibbs would really like to bring in a big, physical tight end would good pass-catching skills; and that man is Kellen Winslow. The Skins could go with FS Sean Taylor to replace Champ Bailey, but I think Gibbs will try and bolster their offense first.

6) Detroit Lions- WR Roy Williams, Texas

Sean Taylor is a possibility with this pick, but Taylor didn't have a great workout. One player who did improve his draft value during his personal workout was Roy Williams. Williams could go as high as #2 to Oakland and definitely no later than #9. If they draft Williams here, think about there future offense: Williams, Charles Rogers, and Joey Harrington. Very scary.

7) Cleveland Browns- FS Sean Taylor, Miami

The Browns are ecstatic when they see Taylor's name still on the board. Taylor could go as high as #4 to the Giants, but with Roy Williams impressive workout, don't be surprised to see him slip here to #7.

8) Atlanta Falcons- DT Tommie Harris, Oklahoma

Michael Vick will be hoping for Roy

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Williams to slip to #8, but that won't happen. New head coach Jim Mora Jr. will look to improve Atlanta's defense first. Harris is the best defensive tackle in this draft and is a good possibility at this pick.

9) Jacksonville Jaguars- DE Kenechi Udeze, USC

The Jaguars need a defensive end to compliment the under-achieving Hugh Douglas. Udeze would be a very nice fit in Jacksonville. WR Reggie Williams might get a look here too.

10) Houston Texans- DE Will Smith, Ohio State

Houston likes both Udeze and Smith and will likely draft whichever is still on the board. The Texans are going to use this pick on a defensive player, it just depends if they want to address the defensive line or secondary.

11) Pittsburgh Steelers- QB Philip Rivers, NC State

There has been talk of Pittsbrugh possibly trading up or down from the 11th pick. However, if they stay put at 11, there's no way they won't get Rivers. Although Rivers isn't on the same talent level as Manning or Roethlisberger, he would be the best quarterback available at this point in the draft. Rivers is the likely pick here, but something tells me that the Steelers won't have the 11th pick come Saturday.

12) New York Jets- CB DeAngelo Hall, Virginia Tech

There's no doubt New York will spend this pick on a defensive player, and Hall is the likely choice. The Jets really need to strengthen their secondary. Hall is one of the few defensive backs that can have an immediate impact next season. Also, Hall and Santana Moss returning kicks would be pretty scary.

13) Buffalo Bills- WR Reggie Williams, Washington

Williams would be a good selection for Buffalo at this point in the draft. If Will Smith falls to 13 I think the Bills will take him instead. But if not, Williams is a big receiver who will make Drew Bledsoe's life a lot easier.

14) Chicago Bears- DT Vince Wilfork, Miami

Wilfork is a massive defensive tackle that improved his stock with an excellent showing at the Senior Bowl. He has lost a lot of weight which is another reason he is moving up draft boards. Wilfork will take up space allowing MLB Brian Urlacher to roam free again.

15) Tampa Bay Buccaneers- OT Shawn Andrews, Alabama

The Bucs need a physical O-Lineman and Andrews is a beast. Andrews will fill that vacancy on the right side of Tampa's offensive line for years to come. Stephen Jackson is also a possibility here.

16) San Francisco 49ers- DT Randy Starks, Maryland

Don't be surprised if San Francisco trades down from this spot. With Reggie Williams and the other defensive lineman gone, the 49ers will look to trade down and pick up a receiver in the later rounds. However, if they do stay put, Starks is the best defensive lineman on the board.

17) Denver Broncos- RB Stephen Jackson, Oregon State

Mike Shanahan has to be feeling pretty good about his off-season. He already got the best cornerback in the league (Champ Bailey), and if the Broncos pick Stephen Jackson, they'll be getting the best running back in the draft. If Jackson is still on the board here, the Broncos will almost surely pick him. Jackson is the prototypical Denver running back and will be a good fit with Shanahan.

18) New Orleans Saints- LB D.J. Williams, Miami

New Orleans needs a speedy linebacker who can run from side to side and Williams is a perfect fit. Williams teammate at Miami, LB Jonathon Vilma could also be a possibility here, but Vilma doesn't have the speed that Williams possesses.

19) Minnesota Vikings- DE Antwan Odom, Bama

After signing CB Antoine Winfield this offs-season, the defensive line becomes the main priority for the Vikings. Odom is the best defensive lineman on the board, so look for the Vikings to go in that direction.

20) Miami Dolphins- OG Vernon Carey, Miami

This may be a stretch, but with Shawn Andrews already off the board, Carey seems like the pick. The Dolphins don't have to look at a receiver or a quarterback with this pick, because they added David Boston and A.J. Feely this off-season. Miami needs to improve their offensive line and adding Carey would be a nice start.

So there's a look at how I think the "non-playoff" teams will draft this Saturday. The first day of the NFL Draft is always very exciting, and I think this year's will be no different. Get ready for a lot of surprises, because they always seem to happen on draft day.

Titan Sports Shorts

Baseball

The Westminster College baseball team saw its record improve to 12-17 on the season today in New Wilmington, as the Titan diamondmen posted their third consecutive victory with a 7-2 non-conference win over visiting Penn State-Behrend.

The two teams were tied 2-2 after three innings before Westminster ran off five unanswered runs, scoring once in the fourth, three in the sixth and one in the eighth. Senior Matt Robison started the game for the Titans, allowing two runs, one earned, on two hits with two walks and five strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings. He was replaced by classmate Craig Rechichar, who earned the win to improve to 1-4 on the season after allowing no runs on just one hit over the final 6 1/3 frames.

Offensively the Titans were paced by senior second baseman Brian Goettler, who went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Junior outfielder Brooks LeViere went 2-for-5 with an RBI double and scored once, while senior outfielder Tony Deane also doubled in the win.

Westminster baseball returns to action on Friday, April 23 as the Titans open a three-game series against PAC rival Waynesburg College with a single nine-inning game in Waynesburg at 4 p.m. Westminster is currently 4-8 in league play.

Track

The Westminster men's & women's track & field teams return to action this Saturday, April 24 at the PAC Championships at Grove City College at 10 a.m.

"Congratulations SIFE Team"

The Economics & Business department congratulates its 2003-04 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team on its **First Runner Up** award at SIFE's New York City Regional Competition on April 5, 2004. E&B's SIFE Team competed in a strong SIFE league sponsored by DEL Laboratories, Inc. Westminster claimed regional SIFE honors amid stiff competition from league competitors The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), Columbia University (NYC), Brooklyn College (Brooklyn, NY), and Northwest Missouri State University (Mayrville, MO). Competing members of E&B's 2003-04 SIFE Team are:

Elissa Curtis, President
Lindsay Lutes, Vice President
Amanda Moore, Treasurer
Brad Zerbe, Secretary
Casie Howes, PR Chair
Sybil Feightner
Jordan Hinds
Meredith Kerner
John Libert
Alyssa Pyle
Erica Schweiger
Matt Steve

Weekend Entertainment

Night Owl Bowling

Vans leave at
11:00 pm

Meet at
McKelvey Info
Desk

$2.00 for WC
Students

Non-WC students pay directly to the
Bowling Lanes

Late Night in the Club Room

Come to study or just hang out

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
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Coming Soon...

Movies:

Barbershop 2	4/30-5/2
50 First Dates	4/30-5/2
Hidalgo	5/7-5/9
Twisted	5/7-5/9

Comics:

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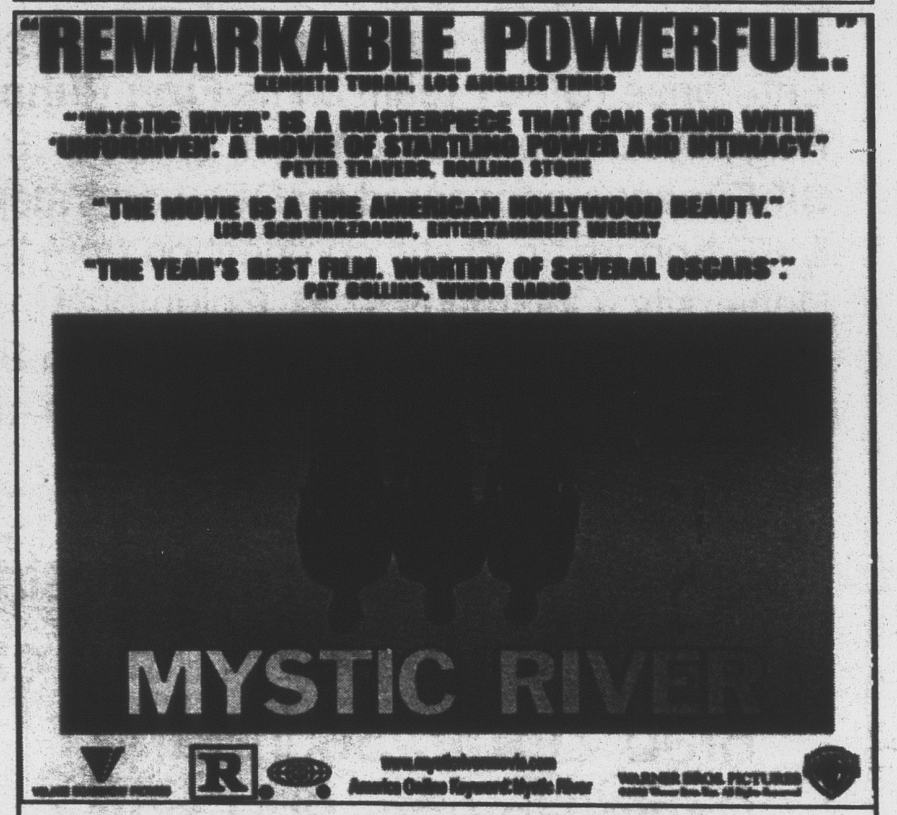

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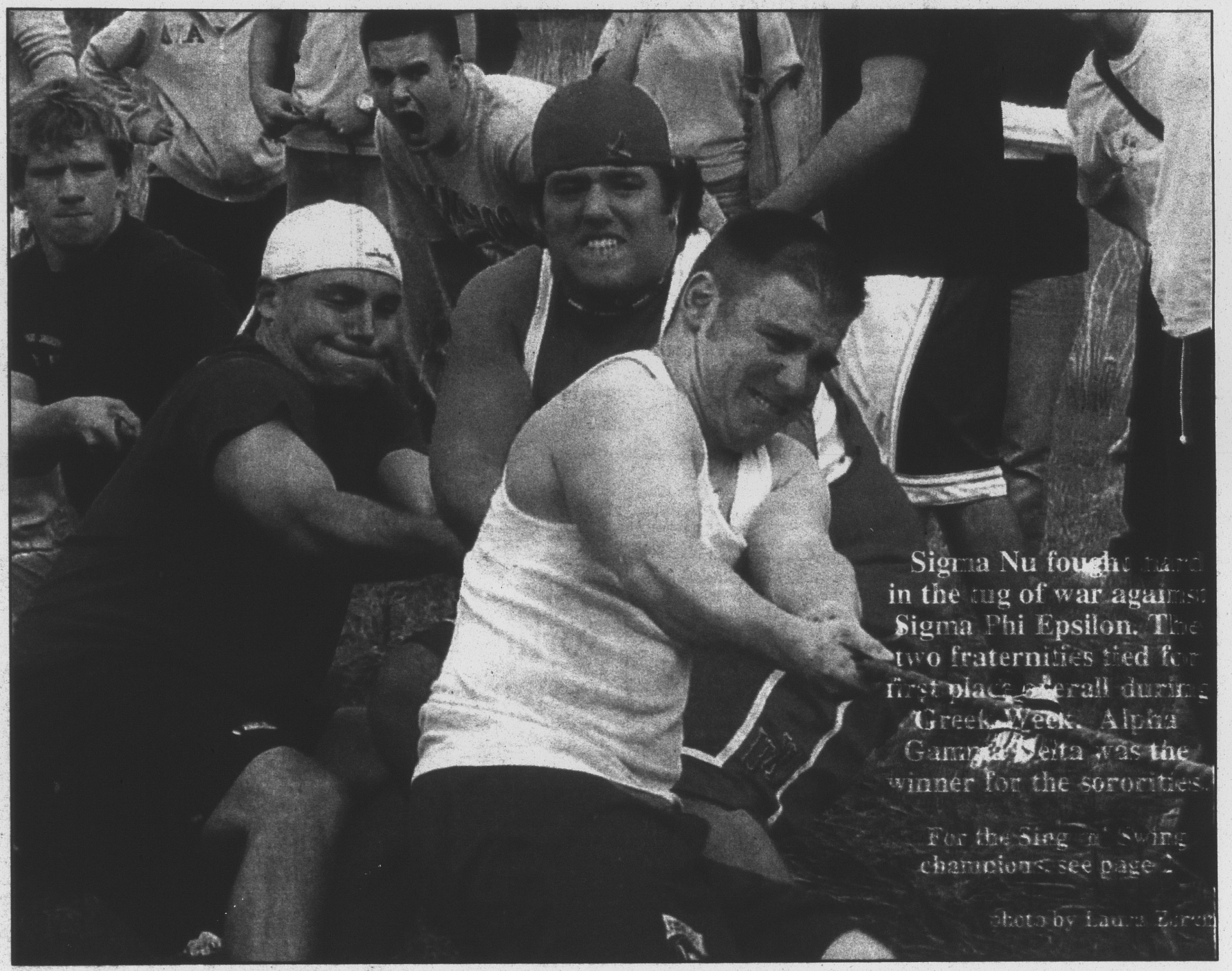

Sigma Nu fought hard in the tug of war against Sigma Phi Epsilon. The two fraternities tied for first place overall during Greek Week. Alpha Gamma Delta was the winner for the sororities.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Greeks sing and swing to popular hits

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Theta Chi 'shook it like a Polaroid picture' to their fifth Sing 'n' Swing win in a row.

by **Elizabeth Grepp**
Staff Writer

What do Billy Joel and Will Smith have in common?

Not a whole lot, but they were both artists chosen for this year's Sing and Swing.

Sing 'n' Swing is a long-standing Westminster tradition in which all Greek organizations participate at the culmination of Greek Week.

Each year a theme is chosen that the organizations must comply with. The theme for this year required the fraternaties and sororities to choose songs from a specific artist or band, and then choreograph an eight minute routine to a medley of their greatest hits.

The artists chosen ranged from Tina Turner and the Rat Pack to the Beastie Boys and Usher.

The organizations were allotted two hours per day of Greek Week in order to prepare.

Theta Chi, whose artist was OutKast, took home its fifth straight Sing 'n' Swing win for the fraternities, while the sorority winner was Alpha Gamma Delta, who used the Jackson 5 as its theme.

"My favorite part of the whole event has to be the performance itself," said Theta Chi President Rich Marmura. "I've been on stage in a bunch of shows and nothing has the same rush as performing in Sing 'n' Swing."

Seth McClarey, a freshman Theta Chi brother, enjoyed participating in his first Sing 'n' Swing.

"I'm extremely excited, even though it did require a lot of work and energy, it was without doubt a uniquely awesome experience," McClarey said. "Sing 'n' Swing definitely means something to the men of Theta Chi and will continue to in years to come."

Senior Alpha Gamma Delta sister Heather Ferriero has looked forward to Sing 'n' Swing every year.

"Even though it's a competition, you know you always have people out there supporting you. Plus, when do you ever get to look ridiculous, for example in a jumpsuit and afro wig, in front of hundreds of people, including parents, and it's completely okay?" she said. "As a choreographer, I just have to say that I am so proud of all my sisters for their patience and hard work last week. Just for that they deserve an award."

The brothers of Theta Chi also won Best Pickup and the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta took home the award for the overall Greek Week champions.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

The Alpha Gam squirrels transformed into rocking robins in their rendition of the Jackson 5 hit.

Campus welcomed to "Kick it with Sig Nu" this Saturday

by **Douglas Kappen**
Campus Writer

The brothers of Sigma Nu will be hosting the first ever "Kickin' It With Sigma Nu" kickball tournament on May 1 at 10 a. m. on the football practice field.

This is the first ever philanthropy that Sigma Nu has done with the Mario Lemieux Cancer Foundation. Entry costs five dollars a person and there is a minimum of ten people per team. Each team must have four women; there are 15 teams ready to play. Sigma Nu encourages that more teams sign up.

The goal of the fraternity is to raise 10,000 dollars and all proceeds go to the Mario Lemieux Cancer Foundation. The brothers are each raising a certain amount by asking local businesses to sponsor this event. Companies that are willing to contribute can have their company poster on the outfield wall.

"We are trying to give back to our community," said Sigma Nu president Anthony Griffith.

Brothers Tanner Larson and Anthony Griffith came up with the idea for the philanthropy at a national Sigma Nu leadership convention in Lexington, Va.

The brothers would like to make this an annual event. With the current issues of the fraternity, the brothers are looking for ways to make Westminster College a closer community. "I'm proud to be a part of a fraternity like this," said junior Pat O'Conner.

Entertainment during the philanthropy will be provided by disc jockey Ace from Pittsburgh, Pa. There will be food and also a free T-shirt to all contestants. The winners will receive a trophy and people can win other prizes during the silent auction. Gift certificates to places like Rachel's Roadhouse and Pizza Joe's along with other goodies will be given.

"It gives me great pride and personal fulfillment to donate so much for a great cause like this," said junior Mathew Faccenda.

Spring Honors Convocation recognizes scholars and athletes

by **Jennifer Rowe**
Campus Writer

Students who have academically and athletically excelled during the school year were recognized last Saturday during the annual spring Honors Convocation.

Students and their parents attended the hour-long celebration and presentation of academic honors.

"My parents liked that Westminster put on such a nice program for the students," said junior and Pi Sigma Pi inductee Julie Fair.

The presentation included recognition of Dean's List Scholars, various scholarships, prizes, and departmental awards. It also included recognition of the members in several of the college's academic societies, the Honors Program, and the national sorority and fraternity with the highest GPA.

When asked about the amount of students who were recognized this year, Jesse Mann, Dean of Student Affairs responded by saying, "We have a lot of outstanding students on campus. Westminster does a great job concerning them."

A reception sponsored by the Westminster College Parents' Association was held in Orr Lobby directly after the program.

Also, inductees of Pi Sigma Pi and those students who have completed the Honors Program were invited to a luncheon in the Witherspoon room of McKelvey Campus Center.

Before the Convocation, graduating seniors who participated in the Honors Program presented their capstone projects to various members of the faculty and parents. A few students also had the privilege to present their thesis to President Williamson.

"I liked the honors program a lot, I thought it was a good experience, I learned a lot from it. The convocation was a nice wrap up for the end of the two years of work," said senior Logan Edmiston, who was recognized for completing the Honors Program and making the Dean's List.

Baker from Madrigal to debut in Beeghly

by Lisa Gleghorn
Campus Writer

Westminster Theatre's new production, The Baker from Madrigal, opens this week. Although the play is shrouded in secrecy, viewers are sure to experience suspense, drama, action and even a little romance.

The leading actors are Bob Allen, Mick Henninger, Nate Zuzack and Rachael Mellor. However, none of their roles have been revealed to keep the secrets of the play.

The stage manager, Kauleen Cloutier, is sworn to secrecy, as is everyone in the show. No one is allowed to talk about their roles or even the plot of the play outside of the theater.

"This show will remain under wraps until the curtain goes up on opening night," Cloutier said.

This play has been in the works since January of 2003, according to Spanish professor Dr. Jeff Bersett, who translated the play into English.

"It has taken a lot of time to not only do the basic translations, but also to change the writing style. Originally this story was poetic, so we had to change it to the prose form," Bersett said.

Another problem according to Bersett was that some parts of the story were not suitable for this era, since this was originally written in 1849 but set in 1549.

"I haven't rewritten the play entirely, but just done a little reconstruction to what was already there. I had to change one character and add one, but basically the play is still the same as you would read it in Spanish," Bersett said.

Senior Alisa Locke, the assistant director, believes the performance will be a hit.

"This play is full of wonderful stories and intriguing characters. There is a lot of mystery involved here," Locke said. "We started working on this play almost immediately following the closing of The Devil's Disciple, and we have come a long way. All of us are excited about the upcoming showing."

This play also presents challenges for everyone involved. Amanda Kovacic, a technician for the show, is in charge of the lighting design and also will be doing the makeup for the characters.

"The lighting for this show has been very interesting to configure. Since this is set in a time where electricity was not in use, there will be some difficulties in showing the stage in the setting in which it was meant to be. This is going to be one of my greatest challenges," Kovacic said.

Tickets are still available at the box office. The show will run Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

photo by Erin Gray

Sophomore Tom Burkhart and senior Nate Zuzack perform in the world premiere of the English version of The Baker of Madrigal.

The Holcad wins first place honors in national competition

by Erin Gray
Staff Writer

The Holcad was ranked in the first place category of the American Scholastic Journalist Press Association awards. The paper scored 865 points out of a possible 1,000.

Editors Josh Storey and Megan Sigler entered The Holcad in the contest during February. The editors received notification of the award by mail on Tuesday, April 20.

The Holcad has been entering this awards contest since at least 1973. "This is the one [contest] we try to enter every year because we've been so consistent in winning," Storey said. The Holcad has won either first or second place for the last 20 years.

Story explained that last year was the only year the paper did not enter. "Last year things got lost in the shuffle and the deadline wasn't met."

Storey and Sigler chose one fall issue to send into the Association and then requested the staff to select examples of their best front page, editorials, photographs, and cartoons among other categories. The editors then selected what they thought was best and sent in clippings along with the chosen fall issue.

One of the entered photographs, taken by Willis Bretz, won an Outstanding News Photograph award. The picture, titled "Titans Play Home Opener," appeared on the front page of the Sept. 26 issue. Bretz has enjoyed being the paper's sports photographer this past year.

"It's been a lot of fun working for The Holcad," he said.

The contest, with entries from over 2,000 schools, is judged in divisions based on enrollment. Along with the notification of the award, each paper is sent a letter including suggestions for improvement. The Holcad took immediate steps to use these suggestions. One example was to move the sports section to the back of the paper.

The Holcad will continue to aim for improvement in the coming year. Next year current co-editor Sigler will once again be editor of The Holcad.

"This award is a testimony to the hard work of our staff. They are all incredibly talented and bring so much creative input to the paper each week. I am very proud of them," Sigler said.

Next year Ray Walling will be taking over as editor-in-chief of the Argo, Westminster's yearbook, and Serah Stauffer was appointed editor of the student literary magazine Scrawl.

Governor Rendell works to keep college graduates in Pa.

by Abby Ball
Campus Writer

Balloons, attendants in their best attire, and the sounds of the flute choir created the atmosphere that awaited Governor Ed Rendell on April 19 in the Witherspoon Room.

However, this atmosphere was put on hold for 45 minutes due to the fashionably late arrival of Rendell who had been speaking earlier in the night at a fundraiser in New Castle. Once Rendell did arrive on campus, the flashes of cameras could be seen as he climbed up the stairwell of the campus center.

Upon the governor's arrival, he was introduced by President R. Thomas Williamson to the crowd made up of community members, students, faculty, and according to Rendell, elected officials "too numerous to mention."

"It was interesting to see the number of people who showed up to hear the governor speak. The crowd was very diverse," sophomore Jackie Fair said.

Rendell then spoke for approximately 25 minutes. He discussed his experiences within the past 16 months in office. His main topics included prescription drugs, increased income, an increased emphasis on education, and a bill that was recently passed in order to help the economy.

Rendell emphasized to the students in teh audience his goal to keep graduating college students in the area.

"Pennsylvania leads the 50 states in exports of college students," Rendell said.

Rendell's proposal to solve this problem is to generate more business in the area.

Although this promise has been made by a number of politicians, Rendell claims to have new tactics involving venture capitals. A venture capital is something that can be explained using the example of a new business.

In order to start a new business, the owners generally have to take out a loan. That loan is like a venture capital. It is something that allows a person to take a chance and begin something new. This venture capital would be rather large considering it is for a state; however, Rendell tried to calm the fears of the audience.

"We [Pennsylvania] have been a cautious state for too long," Rendell said.

The governor's visit ended following a question and answer session with the audience.

"I think that it's obvious that Gov. Rendell is working hard to try to improve Pennsylvania's economic conditions and in turn make it attractive to younger residents," sophomore Laura Nickel said.

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Your Student Government Association

by Andrea Ceplecci
Contributing Writer

At Wednesday's meeting, Dean Mann spoke about various campus issues, especially with regard to the German major and other academic issues. If you have any concerns in this area, contact one of your senators.

The final SGA Day of the semester will be held on Friday, April 30. Be sure to keep your eyes open and snag a ride in the golf carts with one of the senators! Free food will be available and there will be some random prizes given away to those who ride in the golf carts. If you have any questions about SGA Day, contact Public Relations Chair Andrea Ceplecci.

The Time of the Month will correspond with SGA day, so if you have any questions, comments, or complaints for SGA, please stop by the table on Friday and fill out a form. If you are unable to make it to the table, contact Judicial Chair Sara Camerota.

VolleyRock will be held on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will also feature a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The bands lined up to play are: The Bonds Are Broken, Space Pimps, and The Starting Line. If you signed up for VolleyRock, the concert is included in the cost. Otherwise, you must purchase a $10 ticket in the Student Affairs Office. Non-Westminster students may also attend the concert for $10.

The Finance Committee will be holding audits for all student organizations on May 3 and 4 and allocations will be held at next Wednesday's meeting. If you have any questions about the audits or allocations, please contact Finance Chair Rich Marmura.

The annual Kennywood Day will be Sunday, May 9. Tickets will be available soon, but you can contact Special Events Chair Nicole Udanis with any questions.

Congratulations to Leah Mazzocca! Leah was selected to be the new senate representative to the Instructional Resources Council.

The Senate also voted to give $6000 to the Diversity Symposium to bring a well-known speaker, Ruby Bridges, to campus next year. More information is on the way, but feel free to contact President Jessica Rummel with any questions.

You are always welcome at all SGA meetings, which take place every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater in the McKelvey Campus Center. Also, you may e-mail SGA at sga@westminster.edu or IM the executive members at

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Presidential Politics and WC's Identity Crisis

Republicans and Democrats are busy sending e-mails and making phone calls to Westminster as they respond to criticism a college president made about a recent speech by Vice-President Dick Cheney.

But those e-mails and phone calls are going to the wrong Westminster College. Communications Director Mark Meighen says people are mistaking our college for the Westminster in Fulton, Missouri. That's where Cheney spoke — and where that college administration encountered some controversy when it apologized for the tone of the VP's speech.

Now John Kerry is headed to that Westminster to respond. Meighen says he expects more of the mistaken e-mail and calls as our college comes out on top on Internet search engines.

Countdown to Final Exams

The countdown to finals is underway— with a little more than two weeks until the first round of exams scheduled here on campus. The exam period runs from May 12 to May 15. The Registrar's office has the spring final's schedule posted online. Meanwhile, plans for the 2004 commencement are also underway. This year's ceremonies are scheduled for May May 22nd.

Monster Man Comes Home for Commencement

The man behind Monster.com will come home to Westminster next month for commencement. The Westminster alumunus continues to support the college including his contributions to create the new McKelvey Campus Center. In recent years, Forbes magazine has listed McKelvey as one of the World's Richest men as well as one of the Most Powerful.

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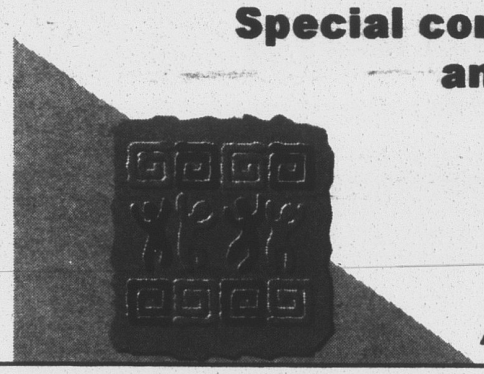
Kappa Delta would like to congratulate each sorority and fraternity for an awesome Greek Week!!

Special congrats to the winners of all events and each amazing Sing 'N Swing performance!

Great job everyone!



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

You gotta stick it and go.

We need a new Rant and Rave box.

Wraps are the best thing to happen to this school in four years. Oh yea, the student center is nice, too!

You are going to get VolleyRocked!

The picture on the Rant and Rave box is scary! Let's change it.

The Westminster exchange map by the info desk looks good.

Wasting paper and ink...

A's are for perfect people

I've been listening to the melodies of the music inside my head.

I wonder how many trees were killed to make all of those Earth Day signs hanging in Orr.

Spilling half a bottle of rubbing alcohol will mess up your computer.

Don't let the man get you down.

I haven't seen you for a little bit. I kinda miss you.

I love Breakfast Blend coffee!

The debate between the campus political parties was good times.

I got the internship I wanted!

The SGA is never online!

Same Bat time, same Bat channel.

Two comedians this weekend... Score!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Throwing Rocks at Walls

When using sweeping terms such as "the youth of today" or "our generation," one treads into the realm of overgeneralization and stereotyping. However, at times, movements seem so widespread, at least in small communities like our little Pennsylvania college, that the general terms can be applied, albeit with a minor amount of reserve for the select individuals who, try as authorities might, refuse to stay inside the box.

That said, whining seems to be a growing trend with the people of our generation. When things don't go our way, when the road gets tough, when an obstacle pops up in the otherwise well worn path, we throw a fit and start complaining. Granted, not all of us act like spoiled children, but to some degree, most of us feel the need to add our two cents about every minor bump and bruise.

Speaking your mind and letting others know when something upsets you is, for the most part, a good thing. Not only does it release tension that could fester if left unchecked, but it lets the people who are doing the dumb thing know they are acting dumb (in one way or another). However, there are times when whining does nothing but make you look like an attention seeker.

For example, when all you feel the need to do is moan and mutter, but refuse to take action to change your situation, then all you are doing is making words. So you say you don't like the food. Well then, talk to the administration and alert them to your complaints in a calm, civil manner. Students are already starting to make headway in that area, and it is only one example. Simply griping to your friends every time you eat a hamburger does nothing but dampen the mood of an already dampened meal.

You can throw rocks at walls all day long, but you'll only grow tired and the walls will never get hurt.

There's a saying that the squeaky wheel gets the grease, but is this always the best way to go? Going with the wheel analogy: in a grocery store, what do you do with the delinquent cart? Pull out a can of oil and fix the bugger? No, you ram it into the frozen food aisle, kick the wheel, and then abandon it for the hand basket, that's what you do.

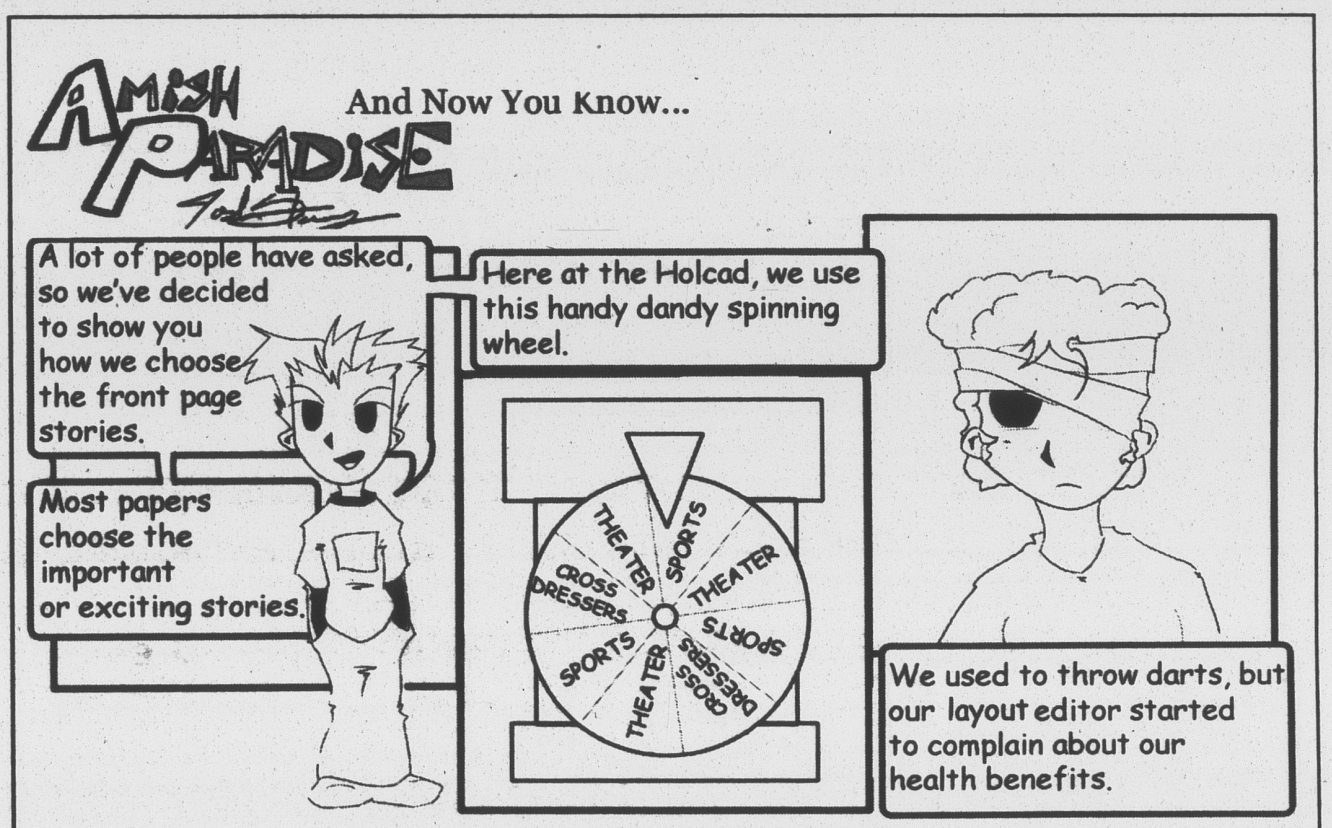
> In order for progress to be made, both people must realize that there is a chance that their ideas aren't the right ideas, that the other person may, in fact, be right.

Sometimes yelling the loudest only gives you a sore throat, especially when the ones you are yelling at aren't listening. That's supposed to sound discouraging, because those selectively deaf individuals are counting on the fact that you'll get frustrated, aggravated, give up and leave. You're yelling at walls.

And when the opposite party is a wall, yelling does no good. If you really want your complaints to take hold and actually change something, in other words if you actually want to move beyond the realm of whining child and into progressive thinker, then you have to learn to compromise. Give a little to get a little, or so says the cliché. If you bend, then that wall might bend a bit too, find a middle ground, a spot you can both agree on, and work from there.

If neither party can accept, at least for the span of the conversation, that they could potentially be wrong, then an intellectual discussion is impossible. In order for progress to be made, both people must realize that there is a chance that their ideas aren't the right ideas, that the other person may, in fact, be right.

Consider this the next time you want to complain about something: are you complaining for a reason, for change, and if so are you willing to listen to the other side in an intellectual conversation, or are you just talking words and listening to your own voice? If it's the later, you best rethink your reasoning. Even if the problem you're complaining about isn't your fault, if you gripe about it, you assume the responsibility to do something about it. Complaining for comfort is a good way to vent frustration, but if you want things to actually change you'll have to take action yourself.



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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Parishioners fundraising for their fallen priest

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) Parishioners have started collecting money to pay the legal bills and bail for a Roman Catholic priest charged with the 1980 killing of a nun.

"I would do anything for him," Mary Ann Plewa, the priest's distant cousin, said Monday. "There's no way he could've done this. I'd have to hear it from his mouth.

"He couldn't have lived 24 years and had that on his mind."

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, 66, was charged Friday with killing Sister Margaret Ann Pahl, who was strangled and stabbed about 30 times on Easter weekend in 1980. Her body was found in a hospital chapel, surrounded by lit candles with her arms folded across her chest.

Robinson later performed the funeral for the 71-year-old nun.

He appeared tired and unshaven during an initial appearance Monday in Toledo Municipal Court. He did not enter a plea to the murder charge. Judge Mary Trimboli set bond at $200,000.

Robinson, wearing a brown jail jumpsuit, said nothing during the brief hearing. His lawyer, John Thebes, told the judge his client was not a flight risk.

"He's not going anywhere. He hasn't gone anywhere in 24 years," Thebes said. He was hopeful that enough money would be raised to get Robinson out of the county jail.

"We will take any financial, emotional and prayer support we can take," Thebes said.

Members of St. Anthony church, where Robinson was a pastor after the nun's death, were setting up a legal defense fund for him.

Robinson's former secretary said he was dedicated to the church.

"If you needed a priest in the middle of the night to give someone their last rites, he was there," Bea Orlowski said.

Investigators re-examined the nun's killing after a woman told a Diocesan Review Board in June that she was sexually and physically abused as a child by Toledo diocesan and religious-order priests during her childhood.

Authorities said that while they could not substantiate the woman's allegations, her mention of Robinson spurred police to take another look at the nun's death. Robinson had always been a suspect in her death.

The woman, now in her 40s, described Satanic ceremonies in which priests placed her in a coffin filled with cockroaches, forced her to ingest what she believed to be a human eyeball and penetrated her with a snake "to consecrate these orifices to Satan."

Investigators reopened the case in December after the Lucas County prosecutor's office received a letter, assistant prosecutor Gary Cook said Monday. He would not say who sent the letter or what it contained.

Investigators began looking through files and found old evidence that grabbed their attention.

The arrest warrant filed for Robinson said an "instrument with unique characteristics" associated with Pahl's wounds was found in Robinson's possession after the murder. The report also said numerous cuts were made after she was dead.

A nun at the hospital said Robinson was near the chapel at the time of the killing, according to the arrest warrant.

Based on old evidence and technology that allowed investigators to analyze blood patterns, they concluded that the murder weapon, which was not identified, was "in the control of the suspect," said police detective Steve Forrester.

"Sometimes, a fresh set of eyes allows you to begin making connections," Cook said.

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Regional Briefs

Army mother speaks out

GEORGETOWN, Ohio (AP) The mother of an Army reservist choked back tears as she spoke publicly for the first time since his capture

Pfc. Keith "Matt" Maupin, 20, of Batavia, was taken hostage after his convoy was attacked on April 9. The military is listing him as "captured."

His mother, Carolyn Maupin, spoke briefly Monday night at a rally for U.S. troops in this southwest Ohio community. She said her family appreciates the public support shown in recent weeks for her son, including candlelight vigils and displays of yellow ribbons. She was joined by her husband, Keith, and son, Kent "Micah", a Marine private.

"Keith and I are here tonight because we believe it is extremely important that we continue to support all men and women serving our country here and abroad. They are our heroes and may God bless them and return them safely," she told the hundreds of people who gathered, some holding pictures of loved ones serving overseas.

The Arab television station Al-Jazeera aired footage April 16 showing Maupin appearing to be unharmed and surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles. That has been the only indication that he is OK.

Mail slip could save criminal

SUNBURY, Pa. (AP) State police are testing a document that might provide an alibi for one of two men convicted of murder in a case where the star witness has recanted his testimony.

The document is a mail tracking slip that appears to have been signed by William Hendricks III at the same time that Rickey Wolfe was beaten to death in December 1986.

"It shows (Hendricks) was at work at 1:30, 2 o'clock in the afternoon," Hendricks' attorney, Michael Rudinski, said Monday. "Supposedly at that time they were out collecting drug debts."

Northumberland County District Attorney Anthony Rosini would not comment on the document.

Hendricks and Scott R. Schaeffer were convicted of murder and are serving life sentences; two other men were acquitted.

Both were convicted in part based on testimony from Robert Hummel, who testified in 1990 that Schaeffer helped him beat Wolfe to collect a drug debt. Hummel was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in a plea deal based on his testimony.

Hummel recanted his testimony two years ago, saying he had been pressured by then-District Attorney Robert Sacavage, who now is president judge in Northumberland County. Attorneys for Hendricks and Schaeffer have since asked for new trials.

Fort Duq. Bridge to be painted

PITTSBURGH (AP) The Fort Duquesne Bridge is getting a new coat of paint, and that could mean traffic headaches for motorists.

Starting Monday, officials will shut down a single lane on the downtown bridge for the $15 million project, which is being done by Avalotis Painting of Penn Hills. The work is expected to last for about two years.

The project isn't expected to affect motorists as much as the Fort Pitt Bridge and Tunnel project, which resulted in massive traffic problems for about two years.

About 65,000 residents use the bridge daily. It carries Interstate 279 over the Allegheny River, linking downtown and the North Shore.

Prominent Pittsburgh funeral home could close

PITTSBURGH (AP) The H. Samson Funeral Home is known for arranging funerals for some of the most high-profile families in the city, including names like Heinz, Mellon and Scaife, but that could soon end.

The funeral home's owner, Cincinnati-based Alderwoods Group, has a contract on the property, spokeswoman Tamara Malone said. No deal has been finalized but there is a conditional contract to sell the property, which could be turned into housing.

The Samson funeral home was founded in 1859 by Hudson Samson. The funeral home handled arrangements for several famous people in the city, including former Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Caliguiri and Pirates announcer Rosey Rowswell.

"In their heyday, they probably were the most prominent funeral home in the city," Kermit Dyer, funeral director at Samson from 1954 to 1977, told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

If the funeral home closes, its business would be transferred to the H.P. Brandt Funeral Home in Ross and the Burton Hirsch Funeral Home in Squirrel Hill, both of which are owned by Alderwoods.

Prank leads to jail time

CANTON, Ohio (AP) A judge sentenced three people to four months in jail each for a fake abduction staged to resemble the "Scare Tactics" hidden-camera television show.

Stark County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Reinbold also ordered each defendant to serve five years of probation, do 100 hours of community service and pay a $7,000 fine on Monday.

Zachary Troyer, 21, and Timothy L. Sommers, 23, pleaded guilty last month to two felony counts of abduction and two misdemeanor charges of aggravated menacing. Corrianne R. Lapp, 22, pleaded guilty to complicity to the same charges.

The three, all residents of nearby Lake Township, set up two of Lapp's friends Sept. 30, leading them to think they had been kidnapped by gunmen and were about to die.

The victims, co-workers with Lapp at a bar, were forced from a car, tied up and driven to a rural area, where they were forced to kneel on the road. The men pretended to kill Lapp and told the other two women that they knew too much, prosecutors said.

NATIONAL

Substitute teacher charged with multiple sex crimes

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. (AP) A high school substitute teacher has been charged with taking sexually explicit photos of two students on campus, authorities said.

Corvin Reckley, 34, was arrested without incident Monday morning, a month after fleeing an Eckerd drugstore when a worker asked for his identification while picking up the photos, said Broward Sheriff's Office spokesman Jim Leljedal.

According to investigators, Reckley photographed two 16-year-old students on campus in March, but only one of the girls was nude. Reckley also worked as a security guard at the school.

He was charged with eight counts of possession of photos of a child in a sexual performance, two counts of use of a child in a sexual performance, and one count of promotion of a child in a sexual performance.

Reckley befriended the girls during the school year and last month asked them to allow him to photograph them in their underwear, according to investigators. He led them each to a remote stairwell and took the photos.

Both girls posed for the pictures voluntarily and were not paid, threatened or coerced, Leljedal said. On another occasion, Reckley took one of the girls to his 1997 Ford sports utility vehicle, parked in the school lot, and took close-up photos of her after she voluntarily disrobed, Leljedal said.

Satellite advancements could free up jail space

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) A bill awaiting final action in the Oklahoma Senate could free up prison beds by using satellite technology to monitor nonviolent inmates now assigned to halfway houses.

"It could save us as much as 900 beds, depending on how it is utilized and things of that nature," said Sen. Dick Wilkerson, D-Atwood, principal author.

Sponsors say the legislation has the potential to save millions of dollars in prison costs, while improving security in cities and towns where halfway houses are located.

It calls for placing devices on inmates that utilize the government-developed Global Positioning System, a network of two dozen satellites that can provide pinpoint tracking in a wide range of applications.

"This is a far cry from the old electronic monitoring," Wilkerson said. "This is global positioning where we can tell every second exactly where someone is."

In effect, it throws up "invisible bars," says Vickie Rankin, lobbyist for Pro-Tech, a Florida-based company which has contracts using the technology in several states.

Jerry Massie, spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, said the state once had an electronic monitoring program for some inmates using old technology, but it was repealed. Other early release programs also were discontinued when the state passed a truth-in-sentencing law in the mid-1990s.

Massie said there are about 700 inmates in halfway houses or other transitional living facilities who could qualify for the program, but there are no plans to implement it on such a scale now.

"We're going to take baby steps with this," said Wilkerson, who predicts it will become a popular program with law enforcement and law-and-order legislators once they see its practical effect.

"I think it could be a heck of a deterrent to thieves, for instance," said Wilkerson, a former Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation official. "It will be a terrific tool for law enforcement. We're going to know where those people are every second."

The cost of the monitoring program - about $4.50 to $7.50 a day - is attractive to legislators, Rankin said.

That compares with about $32 it costs daily to keep an inmate in a halfway house and about $43 a day to keep offenders in prison.

The bill passed the House 70-25 last week as an emergency measure. If the Senate accepts House amendments, it will go to the governor for his signature.

Rep. David Braddock, D-Altus, House author, said GPS had been a success in several states and in Tulsa County closer to home.

He stressed that it would be available only for "very low-risk inmates" who often work in the community, but return to halfway houses at night.

The House-passed measure included provisions to bar from the program inmates convicted of a wide list of crimes, from sex offenses to violent acts.

Only inmates with less than 11 months left on their sentences will be eligible to participate.

Braddock said an offshoot of the program will be behavior modification of some inmates

"It encourages good behavior because all of their movements are tracked 24 hours a day," he said.

Rankin said the devices, which are placed on an inmate's ankle, can be programmed to alert corrections personnel if an alcohol offender, for instance, goes to a bar or other places where alcohol is served.

The device would alert officials once the person being monitored arrives at a location that's been programmed into the tracking system.

"It tends to cause them to stay away from the old hangouts," she said.

She said other states that have used the devices have seen a decline in recidivism.

"It's an extremely desirable new technology because it helps to reintegrate an offender into society and it provides significant behavior modification that cannot be achieved any other way," she said.

Braddock and Rankin rejected the notion that it is another form of early release of inmates.

"They are still in the custody of the Department of Corrections. It is just custody with invisible bars," Rankin said.

INTERNATIONAL

Vietnam memorial in France serves as lesson of military mistakes

FREJUS, France (AP) At a memorial of marble and iron by the Mediterranean, France honors its own 58,000 Vietnam war dead, but hardly 60 people a day visit, mostly the same old men who are slowly dying off.

The small crowd expected May 7, the day Dien Bien Phu fell 50 years ago, will remember not only defeat in Indochina but also the beginning of the end of an empire that straddled the globe.

To most French people, the lesson of the siege at the base dug into jungle west of Hanoi, in which a peasant army humbled a military giant, is simple: A modern power can't force its will on distant populations determined to run their own affairs.

"Everyone who comes here has the same reaction - that their brothers died for nothing," said Patrice Lorenzi, the Defense Ministry official who runs the Monument to Indochinese Wars.

For hours on end, he is alone among the crypts and plaques.

"This place shows clearly enough that you can't make a people do what they don't want, unless maybe you're prepared to burn their country to the ground and start all over from scratch," he said.

If eight years of fighting in Indochina didn't hammer home that message to France, Algeria did. The seven-year Algerian war began only months after the Vietnam truce in 1954. It too ended with the French withdrawing.

U.S. military strategists, seeking ways to counter Muslim insurgents in hostile cities, now study how the French handled Algiers. But the general who devised the tactics for fighting guerrillas in the crowded Casbah of Algers has sparked outrage in France with his recently published memoirs admitting to torture and summary executions.

"Even if you have ten times the military force, you can't win," said Jean-Guy Marenco, a builder in the Provence city of Draguignan. "Time is on their side."

In Paris, Gen. Jacques Bourry, at 85, runs the Veterans of the French Union in a musty office with a map of Indochina and a large poster reading, "Three colors, one flag, one empire."

Bourry insists France's Vietnam war was a noble effort aimed at protecting a majority of people who did not want Ho Chi Minh's communists to take over their country.

But, he said, France lost. "We could not stay any longer. There were too many deaths, and we just did not have the means or the political will."

With a bitter laugh, Bourry added: "The Americans replaced us, of course, and even the enormous means they had did not stop them from losing."

He is pessimistic on Iraq. "That is an internal issue for America, nothing to do with us," he said. "They will have to leave. War on that scale is no longer possible in this day and age."

After France's humbling in World War II, independence-minded leaders in Asia and North Africa sought to exploit the moment. By 1960, when most of French Africa went free, the French empire was reduced mostly to small enclaves and islands.

The Viet Minh, Vietnam's guerrilla army, started its insurgency in 1946. But until Dien Bien Phu, France was still talking about lights at the end of tunnels.

Andre Francois Mercier visited Vietnam on a mission for the National Assembly. His book, "Must We Abandon Indochina?", answered its title question: No.

Thanks to American aid, he said, "The Viet Minh will not be able to face us, our potential armament being greater than theirs. Their fight is without hope of victory."

Mercier's book was published in early 1954, a few months before Dien Bien Phu.

A more realistic book came out later, by Col. Pierre Langlais, who led troops at Dien Bien Phu until the bitter end.

The Viet Minh, he wrote, fought "to throw us out of their place, where we had no business being."

The count of 58,000 dead - which is about the same as America's dead in Vietnam - includes the last battles after Bien Phu but does not count those who died on forced marches to prison camps or in capitivity.

Up to three-quarters of the 10,000 men in the French trenches at Dien Bien Phu were colonials - Algerians, Moroccans, Africans, Vietnamese. Their names are on the Monument to Indochinese Wars, row upon row: Diallo Alpha Mamadou, Tahar ben Abdesselem, Pham Me.

"That's a main reason why so few people come here to remember," Lorenzi said. "Their families are far away, living other kinds of lives in countries nothing like our own. It is a different world now."

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

As I am sure the entire campus is aware that this week was Greek Week. What does that mean? That the Greek organizations on campus are some how "bonding" by competing and then "coming together?" Or rather, does it really mean that it is just another excuse for those involved to cause chaos on campus?

I personally have to side with the second. However, I am fully aware that there are members of sororities and fraternities that do not fit the stereotype and those individuals are really here for an education. So, I do apologize to them for what I am about to write.

For four years, I have watched this event unfold on the campus. Usually those participating in the week's festivities make a lot of noise and make fools of them. This year I noticed something even more disturbing, that I had just tuned out from the past. These organizations use academic buildings to practice their little dance routines for the week's final event.

For most I suppose this is fine. However for those of us, who work during the evenings this is just ridiculous. I could not concentrate in either of the lab areas I work in, which is located in Hoyt, because I have a group from a sorority in the lobby, yelling and dancing. And there is also a group of fraternity members in the hallways jumping around; however they were kind enough to move to another location. This goes on for two hours a night during one of the most academically loaded times of the semester.

What I really do not understand is why the people in charge of this Greek Week business, cannot be considerate of academics on this campus. The last time I checked, Hoyt was and is an academic building. So, my assumption is that is a place for learning and scientific discovery. I don't think it is a place for people to yell and scream to songs and dance around.

I am sure there are at least 10 other areas on campus that dance practice can take place in. If there isn't why can't they practice at 5 am when students do not have access to the labs on campus?

For me it comes down to this, it is really unsettling that folks on this campus can take the time to spend a couple hours at practices that interrupt others' work. It seems to follow this consistent message I get from students around campus, that activities take precedence over academics. I think that this is absolutely ridiculous and the "leaders" on this campus are sending students the wrong message.

Respectfully,
Jessalyn Smith

Dear Editors,

I would just like to take a moment to address last week's editorial in the Holcad concerning the many evils of Greek Week. I'm going to take on the assumption that the writer is not a member of the Greek community. Too many times on this campus, the students, and to a greater extent the staff, focus on the few negative stories and occurrences (many times not ultimately our fault) and often are not exposed to many of the great things, both philanthropic and social, that the Greek community adds to Westminster. Granted, this is due in part to Greek's lack of getting more involved in "on campus" groups such as the Holcad staff, but as a former President and Treasurer of Phi Kappa Tau, I can sympathize with this, and understand that many times being greatly involved in one's fraternity often leads to less time to make an impact on campus.

The editorial in particular brought up the problem and the nuisance that Greek Week presents to independent and some Greek students. While I would agree that 60 girls dancing in the lobby of Hoyt might be a bit much, the author's overall problem and criticism of Greek Week is ludicrous given everything we as whole add to the college community. Though Phi Tau has about as much chance of winning Greek Week every year as the Pittsburgh Pirates making the World Series, it is something that we deserve for a hard semester and year of raising money (over $4,600 during Greek Week alone) and entertaining the campus. It's true. Each year Greeks raise thousands of dollars for their various philanthropies, and many times these fundraisers draw less support in the Holcad than is given to a Green Party rally in Pittsburgh. As for spending too much time studying for Greek Feud, I can only refer to campus GPA, where several Greek organizations, including my beloved Phi Tau, consistently place higher in GPA than independents. I would expect this to continue despite the added pressure of Greek Week. Last, but certainly not least, is what fraternities add socially to this great Amish paradise. Every weekend, hundreds of Westminster students venture to fraternity houses for a release from the pressures of school, free of charge (unlike other colleges). The rewards we often get for this? Broken houses, vomit in hallways, and people causing trouble on the walk home. It is of course the brothers who are left to clean up, pay fines, and deal with any static from the neighbors and college.

So, I would suggest that people on this campus take a hard look at all we as Greeks add to this campus. Sure, a little party in your room in Eich is great, but without fraternities there would be even less to do in New Wilmington. Also, when's the last time a group of independents banded together to raise money for those less fortunate—or struggled to learn a dance merely for the entertainment of the campus and for a fundraiser. So, I think everyone can put up with five days of Greek Week. Oh, and as far as our "deep, thought-provoking" T-shirts and fliers, I would suggest that many of the Holcad's liberal and attacking articles would make any respectable news reporter who believed in concept of "fair and balanced" roll over in his grave. Thank you for your time.

Matt McClelland
Greek Community Member

Dear Editors,

In the midst of all the complaints that we hear everyday about Westminster, a very wonderful thing has happened. The men and women of Westminster's Greek organizations got together and raised almost $1800.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The amount of money they raised is both phenomenal and greatly appreciated, but the genuine caring and thoughtfulness of these individuals is beyond words. To say Thank You would never be enough.

My daughter Claire was born in August 2003 and was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. Knowing that Claire has this disease that could end up taking her life is very difficult for our family to deal with. We live with the hope that a cure will be found before it is too late for Claire. The generosity and caring that the Westminster's Greek community showed keeps our hope alive and is really such a blessing.

All I can say is that the Westminster Greeks ROCK and we will forever be grateful and touched by their generosity and caring. I would especially like to thank Josh Flaim, Emily Stanton, Tricia Burich and Eddie DeRose, the Greek Week Committee chairs.

Sincerely,
Kelly Hartner
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom & Chris — Man on Fire & 13 Going on 30

by Chris Medjesky and Tom Oyer
Movie Reviewers

Man on Fire

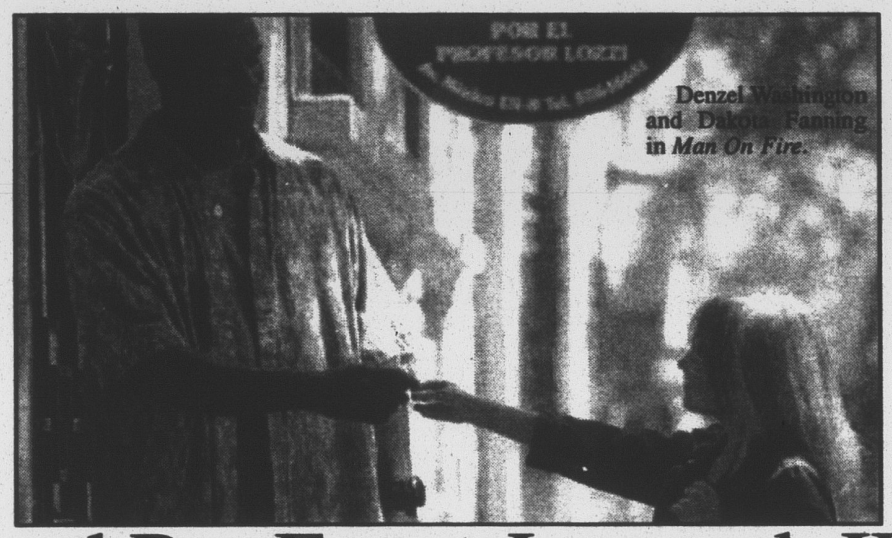
Chris: For the second week in a row, revenge has topped the box office. After watching Bill be killed last week, the world was thirsting for more blood. And almost as if they saw this coming, Fox and Regency pictures released Man on Fire last weekend.

Man on Fire is the story of Creasy (Denzel Washington) - an ex-"something that required him to ask Christopher Walken if God would forgive them for their sins"- who goes to visit his friend, and yours, Walken in Mexico City. Walken hooks the drunken Creasy up with a job as a bodyguard for a wealthy Latino and his American wife and child. It turns out there is a significant kidnapping problem in Mexico City, enough to drive the wealthy to take out $10 million insurance policies for it. We see Creasy bond, slowly, with his subject Pita (Dakota Fanning) up until she is kidnapped. Creasy is shot twice during the kidnapping and the next day in the hospital Walken informs Creasy that the money drop went bad and Pita was killed. This sets Creasy, well, on fire as he goes on a rampage to kill everyone involved.

I know it may sound like I've given away a lot of the movie, but honesty that's only half way through this film, which is the biggest problem with Man on Fire. This movie is nearly two and a half hours long. Unless you've got suspense from beginning to end like Die Hard, you cannot keep the audience involved. The story is interesting and highly entertaining, but Tony Scott's ultra-stylized direction (imagine if the Ultimate Warrior made a movie) causes the movie to fly then stop numerous times. You'll get bored at points. I took those moments to feel like I was having a heart attack.

The acting is probably the most interesting point. Sure Denzel is great, but he always is. He's only worth talking about if he sucks, which is never. Walken is in rare form because he broke out of the "standard" goofy Walken and looked like an honest-to-God actor: very impressive. Dakota Fanning once again amazes me. Child actors suck, she doesn't. I don't get it. Keep in mind I'm ignoring Uptown Girls there. What really should be discussed here is probably the single most important thing to get from the movie. The story takes place in Mexico and most of the actors are Latino. They are all great. People tend to forget there is a world outside America, but honestly there are much better actors outside the borders than within. It's wonderful to see them get a Hollywood chance.

This movie presents itself like a true story. Sorry to disappoint but it's actually just another film adaptation, actually the second, from an A.J. Quinnell novel. Still the movie is a fun, violent, vengeance-filled time that man or woman can enjoy. I know this because I watched my girlfriend salivate over one guy getting his fingers cut off because he helped in the kidnapping. If you can get past the length and slow pace, you'll likely really enjoy this B+ movie.



Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning in *Man On Fire*.

13 Going on 30

Tom: In the swarm of teen-marketed romantic comedies to hit the movies this spring, 13 Going on 30 also brings the highly clouted Jennifer Garner to the big screen. Previously known for her breakthrough television role on Alias, Garner has been touted by many Hollywood insiders as the next big thing and a lot is expected of her. The good news for her is that this film perfectly showcases a comedic side to her acting that can prove profitable in her future film career.

13 Going on 30 is, in a lot of ways, a throwback film. The movie begins back in the 80's, when legwarmers, crimped hair, and Rick Springfield were big. That's right, the first fifteen minutes brings back all of the memories from the 80's. We meet our heroine Jenna as a thirteen year old, as well as her best friend Matt. After a disastrous birthday party, Jenna wishes to be thirty, and with the help of some wishing dust, she gets her wish. She wakes up at the age of thirty in her Manhattan apartment with her NHL star boyfriend. Talk about culture shock! Anyways, if you have seen the trailer, then you know what happens for the first half of the movie.

13 Going on 30 takes advantage of the fish out of water routine, which has worked countless times. This routine will continue to work because, simply put, its funny. Jenna discovers that she is a high ranking magazine editor, as well as a harsh, career-driven woman. However, a thirteen year-old girl is now inside her body, and her colleagues instantly notice a change.

Of course, she instantly wants to see her best friend, Matt, who lives in New York, but hasn't spoken to Jenna since high school. Nevertheless, the incidents are predictable from here, as the audience realizes these two must end up together. However, there are the numerous complications to make this more difficult.

Essentially, this film is your typical romantic comedy chic-flick, and if that's what you want to see, then this isn't a problem. However, this film is still nothing original, especially when it comes to the script and directing.

Matt is played by Mark Ruffalo, an extremely talented actor to watch for in the future, but his character is underdeveloped and he has nothing to do with this role, except look cute. The film's strongest attribute is the performance of Jennifer Garner, as she proves that she can carry a film. She perfectly plays her role with the energy of a thirteen year old, bursting inside.

What is even more striking is the depth she brings to her role, especially when she realizes how awful a person she used to be. If it wasn't for Garner, this film would have suffered even more, but this proves Garner has a very promising future at the movies.

The film gets a B- but Garner gets an A.

Yellowcard and Pre-Exam Jam rock IUP's campus

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

I think the greatest phrase I had heard in past month was "Free Yellowcard concert at IUP."

Free? Yellowcard? Where could I sign up? After a bit of scheming, I, along with two other fearless Holcaders, Megan Sigler and Russ Mills, was off to IUP for quite possibly one of the best performances I've ever seen.

Yellowcard sidetracked from their tour with Something Corporate to take the stage Monday, April 26, as a part of IUP's Pre-Exam Jam.

The show opened with "IUP's favorite emo band," A Better Yesterday. They took first place in the school's recent Live 'N Loud contest, thus earning the first slot for Monday's concert.

According to the bio on their website (abetteryesterday.com), they've been together a little over a year. I was a little wary at first, as I am of most local bands, but I was proven wrong. For such a young band, these guys are surprisingly solid. They have a growing catalog of impressive original stuff, in the vein of Something Corporate. If this is your bag of chips, it appears they'll be playing throughout the Indiana area most of the summer.

The second band of the evening was a band straight out of Orange County, Over It (overitonline.com). They didn't exactly suck, but I can't think of anything extraordinary that they did, either. Just your standard emo-punk band trying to make it in the world, I guess. I got bored with them rather quickly, and as concert companion Sigler put, "I was over Over It."

I'm quite convinced [violinist] Sean Mackin has some variation of ADD and neglects his Ritalin before performing.

Here's a good rule of thumb to keep in mind - just because two bands are 'friends', as Over It and Yellowcard claim to be, that doesn't mean both bands are going to be great. You can almost guarantee one will be sub par.

The highlight of their set, I have to admit, is when Yellowcard violinist (yes, I said violinist), Sean Mackin, came on stage to add some back-up vocals to one of the songs. The presence of Sean's infectious energy was a welcome addition to this set.

Which brings us to the real reason we drove an hour and a half south - Yellowcard (yellowcardrock.com). This show was actually a reschedule/make-up performance. I'm not certain of the entire story, but Yellowcard played there at some point earlier in the school year and couldn't finish the show due to some major technical difficulties. Or, as front man Ryan Key said, "Someone on our website claimed we couldn't finish the show because we were all coked up. Um, yea..."

Regardless of reasons, the band made a special effort to return to IUP in order to play a full show, which just makes me like them even more. It's all about the fans.

They stuck primarily to songs from their current disc, "Ocean Avenue," with a few classics like "October Nights" (which wouldn't be complete unless Sean did his back flip off of the drum set) and "Avondale."

For their one cover song of the night, I don't think they could have done it any better - a near perfect version of Nirvana's "Dumb." I swear to you on my "Unplugged" CD, Ryan was channeling Kurt Cobain himself.

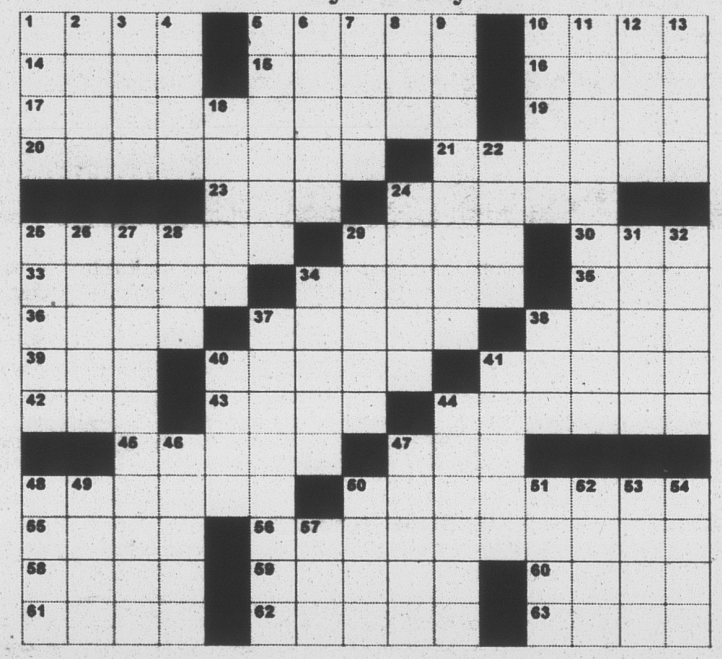
The biggest crowd reaction came with the songs "Way Away," "Miles Apart" (this season's Real World/Road Rules Challenge opening credits song), and their CD's title track, "Ocean Avenue."

Much like you hear about Dashboard Confessional shows, these guys are all about the sing-along. You can tell they love performing, and I still can't get over their energy. I'm quite convinced Sean has some variation of ADD and neglects his Ritalin before performing.

Every time I see these guys, they get better and better. I just hope they're still on the Warped Tour bill when it gets to Pittsburgh in August.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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24 Figure skater Fleming
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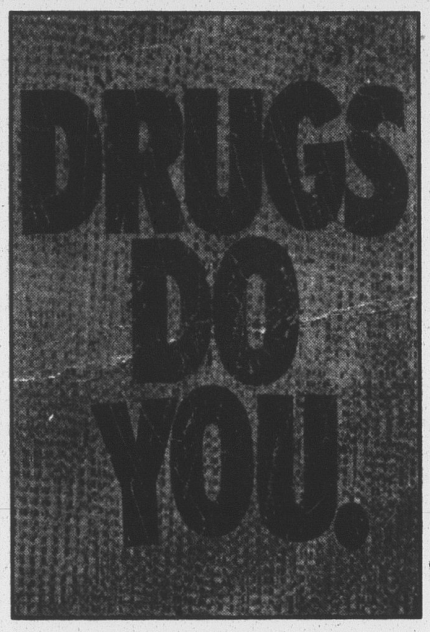

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By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Stick with those who have loved and supported you through thick and thin. There is someone in the immediate vicinity that is jealous of your friends and family, and will try to drive a wedge in between you and those you love. You need to make a choice.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
A slow start this week will make it a week of catching up. Your heart is probably not in your work and it will show. There seems to be some contradictions about commitment to a romantic relationship. There are important factors to be weighed before making decisions.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is a sense that you are walking on quicksand during the week, and there is little you can do about it. Make any necessary sacrifices of time and energy to correct this uncertain situation. You and your significant other make a connection and become even closer.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Don't be caught up in your own ideas and point of view that you cease to hear what those around you are saying. Let go of the need to always be right. You may be frustrated at what seems to be your lack of progress, but take the time to realize just how far you've come.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You will get ahead by working hard during the week. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but not to worry, because your work is above reproach. Shortly you will be riding high on the waves of success, enjoy it for you deserve every bit given to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A financial windfall is quite possible this week. Prosperity is definitely a main issue for the next couple of months, so instead of whining, it's time to take action. A surge of inspiration will enable you to do whatever needs doing, and be innovative with solutions.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Use whatever clout you have to get some creative changes off the ground. Friends can really come in handy during times like this. Someone may want to flirt and tell you pretty lies, but don't be taken in, just enjoy the entertainment. Pay attention to your spiritual side.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is quite commendable this week, to a point. Your superiors may be more impressed is your approach is more balanced. Learn to delegate if management is one of your goals. Both courage and integrity will do well for you.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Your hard work may have just finally brought about completion and success. Enjoy the admiration of those around you; you definitely deserve it. Spend wisely on any spree you find yourself on. Don't keep your stress to yourself; such pent up emotions will make you ill.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A little self-contemplation will get your week off and running on a positive note. You may be pleased with your work up until now, but want to improve in various areas. Allow a troublesome problem that has been hanging over your head for some time, take care of itself.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
There is a fine line between having a good time and overdoing it, and your body is likely to be the best judge of that this week, just make sure to listen. If your current relationship is a bit unbalanced, playing the roles to faithfully may cause resentment.

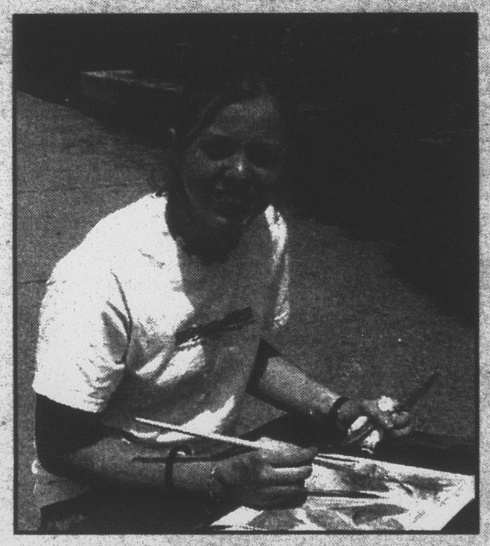
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Money matters may not be as fruitful as you had expected this week, after all the effort you put into these financial gains, try not to let it get to you. Maybe it's time to make changes instead of being weighed down with so much responsibility. Think things out carefully.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The thought of being free has always been important to you, and you may invariably dream of escaping to another location. You can also travel in your mind by reading books or renting videos. Unusual people you meet now may turn out to be inspiring.

FEATURE

Question of the Week

"I say VolleyRock, you say..."



"Giant field day - good times."
- Felicie Reid, junior

"Fun." - Jenn Britton, sophomore
"A way for SGA to look good."
- Sarah Rebel, sophomore
"Chicken wings."
- Jeremy Baker, junior
"What?" - Devin Householder, freshman
"Shpadoinkle." - Lando Perry, freshman

"Hangover."
- Lindsay Painter, sophomore, and Jonathan Tomaszewski, senior

"I'm nervous." - Jenna Shaw, sophomore

"Fun." - Shannon McClain, sophomore

"Sunburn." - Abby Harvey, sophomore

Is it really worth arguing about abortion?

by Carolyn Miller
Features Editor

So there's one debate on my mind this week, and that would be the one revolving around those posters on campus for CPU: the Central Processing Unit.

Wait, they changed that, didn't they? Sorry, my computer is now apparently named 'Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn.' My bad.

Acronyms aside, this debate is a heated one, depending who you're arguing with. One side calls the other murderers, while the other side calls the first side anti-women's rights activists. It's getting down, dirty, and nasty.

And why is it getting so messy? Because people start believing that their way is the right way, and since their way is the right way, everyone should do things their way, and if people don't do things their way, then those people are ultimately evil.

Okay, that's a bit of assumption and exaggeration there. But, on a whole, it's the problem with all debates, religious, rights-based, or otherwise. What happened to freedom of religion? It was a basic right included in the original constitution that even our own president seems to have forgotten about. Amendment I of the Bill of Rights clearly states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Forgive this lowly writer if she's wrong, but doesn't that mean that no law can be passed just because Christianity says it should be?

I don't want to turn this into a religious debate - it really shouldn't be. Yet the majority of the arguments I hear for pro-life is that it's against God's will for a woman to abort her own pregnancy. To that, I have to ask, isn't God supposed to be omnipotent? Yet if he gave us free will, and therefore the choice, doesn't that make God pro-choice?

Once again, more religious statements. Let's bring this away from religion, and focus mainly on the impact a pregnancy can have on a family. If a couple becomes pregnant (meaning the woman becomes pregnant and has the support of the father) then they have two choices: abort, or follow through with the pregnancy. If they choose to abort, then the child is gone and they no longer have to worry about nine months of pain and illness followed by the new burden of a child.

Remember when it was a big deal that the world population hit six billion? We'll be hitting the 7 billion mark in ten years or so, folks.

However, if they choose to follow through, then they have more choices. Keep the child, or put it up for adoption. Depending on the social and financial status of the couple, keeping the child may be the worse of the two choices. So, the child is put up for adoption - a safe choice that guarantees the child a good future, right?

Maybe not.

Statistics from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System state that in 2002, there were 532,000 children in foster and pre-adoptive care. Out of that 532,000 only 53,000 were adopted. That's only roughly 10% of the amount of children who need permanent homes. What will happen to those numbers if the amount of children put up for adoption goes up? The percentage will go down, unless the world suddenly decides to spontaneously adopt more children.

If you want to be really heartless with the entire situation, you can take into account world overpopulation. Remember when it was a big deal that the world population hit six billion? We'll be hitting the 7 billion mark in ten years or so, folks. For a really eerie look at the world population, go check out the U.S. Census Bureau's World POPClock Projection (http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/ipc/popclockw) and take a peek at that estimate. Then refresh the page, and see the number jump 100 or so. It's a large number to start with, and it's climbing higher every minute.

With so many people in the world, how can one person tell the rest of the world what to do? The answer to that is that we can't. If you want a more condensed view of the world (and the state of the world) you can turn to Carl Sagan and his Summary of the World (1997).

The concept is that if we could shrink the world population down to a village of 100 people with all the existing human ratios the same, only 14 of the village would be from North and South America. Only 30 would be white, and only 30 would be Christian. 70 would be illiterate, no one would own a computer, and only one person would have a college education. It's a bleak look at the world on a whole.

It all boils down to that this entire Earth is different from one another. We in America are incredibly lucky that we live in the society we do, where we have a right to education and a right to things such as free speech and religion.

So let's simmer things down, okay? Enough with the "pro-choice is pro-death" and "pro-life is anti-choice." It's only leading to more conflicts and arguments, and that only takes up vital time that could be spent on other things. Like finals.

No Heart v. Bleeding Heart: Political Analysts

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

This week, Rich and I have decided to analyze the political analysts who often are our reference points in this article. They are the few, the proud, the politically savvy. They conquer Crossfire, The O'Reilly Factor and Inside Politics. They write with wit, eloquenc, and sass in our national newspapers. And they have won the hearts of Rich and me. Sure, Rich probably admires some people I'd rather vomit on than have to listen to their commentary, and I have no doubt that he would love to wipe certain parts of his body with the writings of my political heroes. Nevertheless, the political pundits of our time are quite an incredible bunch, and I would like to share my favorite and most despised political commentators (Play Fox News theme music here).

As many of you know, my hero of the political/media world is Tucker Carlson. This bow-tie hunk of genius could have my heart any day. Besides writing for several national newspapers, Tucker is a regular conservative connoisseur on CNN's "Crossfire". However, I first "met" Tucker while I was in high school. He was co-host, along with former Democrat National Committee Chair Bill Press, of the CNN show "The Spin Room." It was sheer beauty to watch Tucker work his magic on the hot topics of the day. I've been a devoted fan ever since. I think what I like best about Tucker is that he isn't afraid to disagree with his party when necessary. Well, that and the fact that his vast knowledge and witty comebacks make James Carville sound like Jessica Simpson on foreign policy. Tucker, you're the man.

Next up, we must make a stop at Fox News Channel, considering it's one of two places where I'm not splattered with liberal bs. Yes, I'll admit it; Fox News tends to be conservative. Get over it. We're allowed to have at least one news channel. I enjoy most of the commentators on Fox News, but I think my favorite anchor is Neil Cavuto. He hosts the show "Your World", and his side comments easily take the cake as the highlight of the program. He's not "all up in your grill" as opposed to O'Reilly (who is a conservative idol, I know). Instead, he tactfully insults the idiots that email him or even appear on his show, most of the time without them even realizing it. That, ladies and gentlemen, is talent.

Now on to people I wish were mutes. I'm sure you're sitting there pondering who my liberal public enemy #1 is. Hands down, Al Franken wins. Have you seen that disgusting commercial he has with Ben Stein in which he claims that all Republicans use search engines for is to "buy yachts"? You're right Al, Republicans are the only ones with money. You don't get paid the big bucks from your years on Saturday Night Live, book deals, and several other appearances. I'm sure you don't live in a mansion with several staff members to take care of your ridiculous needs. You make me sick. Al's (I'm not going to call him Mr. Franken, he doesn't deserve any kind of respectful address) book "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right" spins off into his predictable rant about the "vast right wing media". Oh yes, the right wing media that has been promoting the Clarke and Woodward books, ridicules Bush's military record, and constantly refers to the war in Iraq as a "mistake". Good call, Al.

There's many more commentators I'd like to discuss (Judy Woodruff, James Carville, Robert Novak, etc), but unfortunately the good editors of the Holcad only allot Rich and I so much space. If you need me, I'll be staring at my Tucker Carlson poster. Oh Tucker. Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

Jess and I have had a good time this year with our political forum; we've discussed some important issues and had some fun. This week Jess and I decided to address those political pundits who have inspired or disgusted us.

Perhaps my favorite of the modern pundits is author and movie maker, Michael Moore. For those of you who don't know who Michael Moore is, he is the author of such bestselling books as "Stupid White Men and other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation" and "Dude! Where's My Country?". He also directed the critically acclaimed "Roger and Me" and the Oscar winning "Bowling for Columbine," as well as producing the Emmy Award Winning "The Awful Truth". Moore's no holds barred style, wit and ability to irritate the political right makes him perhaps one of the greatest satirists since Mark Twain.

Of course when speaking of satire, one cannot forget Al Franken, author of such classics as "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot" or "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right". I don't know whether it's Franken's laid back style or his ability to irritate people like Barbara Bush or merely the whole Fox News lawsuit fiasco; but I really enjoy his antics.

And of course I love the classic liberal pundits such as Paul Begala (who gave a pretty cool speech at Mock Convention...) and his partner in crime James Carville. These guys are smart, funny and one of the best political teams on the air.

But of course, no matter how strong the light is, there is always a dark shadow somewhere. In this case, I am of course referring to some of our pundit "friends" on the political right.

The list of my least favorite politically right talking heads are pretty much standard. Folks like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Michael Savage pretty much make me sick to the stomach. From Limbaugh's blind following of the political right, to Hannity's lack of substance to Bill O'Reilly's outright lying to Michael Savage's prejudiced and anger; these gentlemen (and I use that term loosely) represent what is wrong with America today. Namely: People who cannot accept that anyone could possibly have a different point of view than themselves.

However no one makes the bile rise to the tip of my tongue quite like America's favorite political nut job: Ann Coulter. Now I don't know whether its Ann Coulter's homophobia, her racism, her prejudiced, her anger or her mere lack of a soul that makes her so disgusting of person to me. Whether she is telling disabled Vietnam veterans "People like you caused us to lose that war" or mentioning such gems as "We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity"; Ann just seems to take the cake for blowhard pundits without a clue or conscience.

But of course there is one political pundit I don't mind and that is Ms. Rummel. We may not always agree and she may be almost totally conservative, however, at least she isn't "crazy" conservative like some of my aforementioned "friends".

Insert Angry Voice Here: I still hate Celebrity Series

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Today is Wednesday, and I have an 8:10 and a 10:30, both in Patterson Hall. Only today, things were different. When I came to my classroom for my 10:30 class, I discovered that the room was full of black cases from the traveling production of "Cats" that came to visit us this week. I looked around, and luckily spied my professor in the hallway, walking toward a different classroom. The conversation in the classroom carried a general tenor of surprise - none of us had suspected that we'd be kicked out of our class today. What really upset me was when the professor told us that none of the professors had been notified of possible inconveniences by our feline invaders. I had intended to write about something else this week, but this has gotten my ire up, so I'd like to say a few things about Celebrity Series.

I've heard the tired arguments about how the Celebrity Series is mainly a community outreach program, designed to provide good PR for the college among people in the surrounding area and alumni. I've heard about how it's all "self-funded" and self-contained (even though part of our tuition goes toward maintaining Patterson Hall, which houses Orr Auditorium and Celebrity Series), how it really doesn't affect student life here at the college, at least in theory. Well, I've got a beef with those arguments. Simply put, I believe that Celebrity Series, while it has some merits, comes very much at the cost of students and faculty here at the college - and that is simply ridiculous.

I think it's good that the college is trying to extend a hand to the community - that is something that really helps Westminster rise above the competition (even though the community still hates us and would rather we not be here - I guess for simply being college students). But enough is enough. We are first and foremost an academic institution. We come here to learn. We hire faculty to teach. We pay a lot of money to learn what the faculty has to teach. We don't come here for Celebrity Series, and I know that I at least don't come here to have my classrooms switched at random and then to have my class interrupted at multiple intervals by radio chatter, loud bangs, and the general unloading process that went on for the show. That's not what I'm paying for, Westminster. Furthermore, though I cannot speak for all of the professors, I believe that they are being shown a severe lack of respect when they aren't even notified of possible interruptions or even relocations of their classes. We have syllabi for a reason - the professors work hard to make sure that their classes are planned and so that they can get the most out of the time they have with the students. Having truckloads of faux fur costumes and makeup rumbling down the hall by people talking on cell phones doesn't really factor into their class plans, I would imagine. This, I believe is all a result of poor organization on behalf of the Celebrity Series coordinators, and of a sheer lack of respect for the academic aspects of the college. Yes, it brings in a substantial amount of money, but so does tuition - and tuition doesn't go toward bringing "Cats" to Orr Auditorium - the Celebrity Series organizers have made that point abundantly clear. Our tuition goes toward our learning and our academic careers. Yet Celebrity Series yet again interrupts that. I propose that Celebrity Series refunds everybody whose class was interrupted by "Cats," in one form or another, for their lost time. Celebrity Series makes a lot of money - so pay us what you owe us for stealing our time. $20 a person should do the trick.

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Oh, and don't forget the general headaches of parking problems caused by the droves of Senior Citizens who flock to Celebrity Series once a month. Security is so adamant about parking stickers - are they charging a parking fee for these visitors? I think they should, and they should pass the savings to us - their paying customers. Make these Celebrity Series patrons pay for their parking, and reduce the price of our parking stickers - now that would be real progress.

Our academic life has once again been clogged by Celebrity Series. I again say that Celebrity Series is a nice institution - it's a nice idea, and people from off-campus sure like it. But it interrupts classes, and the people in charge of it didn't even have the courtesy or the respect to let the professors or the students know about it, and I'm pretty sure that they won't have the character to issue an apology for the lost time and inconvenience they cause to us. If they do, well then I have a bit more respect for them, but as of right now, I'm pretty angry at the fact that they just don't seem to care about us.

SPORTS

Takah's Spring Titans

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

We've reached the end of another semester. It's time to recognize those Titans, who have performed with excellence throughout the spring semester.

I present this semester's installment of "Takah's Titans."

The Spring 2004 edition consists of members from basketball, swimming, baseball, softball, golf, and tennis.

The spring semester began with a bang for Titan athletics as the men's basketball team captured their President's Athletic Conference championship.

For the efforts, the entire squad earns a spot on "Takah's Titans."

Individually, first year head coach Larry Ondako and sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco earn recognition.

Ondako guided the Titans to a PAC title by utilizing team speed and three-point shooting.

DeMonaco earned PAC first team laurels and ECAC South All-Star Honorable Mention recognition.

For the women, freshman Desiree Sterling earns a spot on my squad for her tenacious defense all year long.

For the swimmers, freshman sensation Ryan Trunk earns a spot on "Takah's Titans."

At the PAC championships, Trunk was named PAC swimmer of the year.

On the baseball diamond, senior pitcher Pat Boyle, senior infielder Brian Goettler, and senior catcher Ben Yeckel earn a spot on "Takah's Titans" for their career achievements at Westminster.

On the softball field, freshman Jennifer Pancake established her self among the premiere Division III pitchers. As a result, she reserves a spot on my spring squad.

On the tennis courts, the brother tandem of Ben and Jon Libert played their way on to my all-star squad. The Liberts captured the PAC crown in doubles competition.

The Lady Titans golf team is the last member of the spring installment of "Takah's Titans." The Lady Titans blistered throughout spring play capturing several invitational crowns; most notably, the Waynesburg, Eckles, and Thiel invitationals.

Throughout the spring, our Titan squads competed at levels of high excellence.

For their efforts, I recognize all of Westminster's student athletes.

Look for the fall edition of "Takah's Titans" at the end of next semester.

Out or Safe?

photo by Willis Bretz
Ron Florian is called out after a controversial play at third base.

Westminster Baseball Drops 12-4 Non-Conference Decision at Division II Slippery Rock

The Westminster baseball team saw its overall record drop to 14-19 on the season tonight in Slippery Rock, Pa., as the Titan diamondmen dropepd a 12-4 non-conference decision at NCAA Division II Slippery Rock University.

SRU jumped out to an early lead with four runs in the bottom of the first. Westminster scored two in the second to halve the lead to 4-2 but would get no closer, as SRU scored once in the third, twice in the fifth and three times in the sixth for a 10-3 lead.

Junior Mike Mackin took the pitching loss for the Titans, falling to 1-3 after failing to record an out in the opening frame. Sophomore Jason Mackey followed Mackin with five innings of work, allowing three runs on six hits with three strikeouts. Senior Matt Robison and freshman Steven Sylvester closed the game on the hill for the Titans in relief.

Leading the Titan offense was junior first baseman Brian Andrews, who went 2-for-4. Junior outfielder Brooks LeViere belted a solo home run, his team-best seventh of the season , while senior catcher Ben Yeckel, senior infielder John Hanlon and sophomore outfielder Steve Brink each doubled in the loss.

The baseball team then saw its overall record drop to 14-21 on the season on Tuesday, April 27, as the Titan diamondmen dropped a pair of non-conference decision to NCAA Division II Clarion University by scores of 6-5 and 14-8.

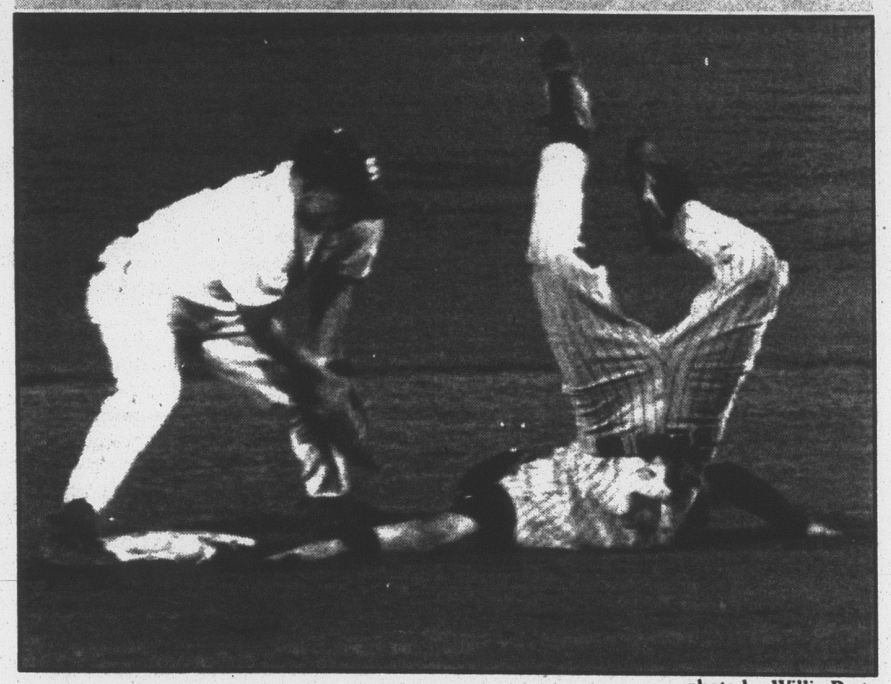


photo by Willis Bretz
During a successful attempt to steal second base against SRU, Kevin Gesacion comes to a screeching halt as he slides to the bag.

Women's and Men's golf

Westminster Women's Golf, Pursifull Capture Waynesburg College Invitational Titles

The Westminster College women's golf team today captured the team title at the Waynesburg College Golf Invitational at Greene County Country Club in Waynesburg, Pa. The win marked the fourth team championship for the Lady Titan linksters in five events this spring. In addition, Westminster sophomore Kayla Pursifull earned individual medalist honors.

The Lady Titan linksters fired a four-player total of 199 in the nine-hole event, topping Thiel (259). Three other schools - Slippery Rock, Waynesburg and Grove City - entered individuals only.

Westminster posted four of the top six individual finishes, led by Pursifull who fired a 46 to win by three strokes. Freshman Sara Bonchosky finished in a tie for second with a 49, while senior Rena Paroz and freshman Kelly Spisak finished tied for fifth place with each shooting a 52. Freshman Jennifer Ramsey rounded out the Westminster scores with a 59.

The Lady Titan women's golf team returns to action next Thursday and Friday (April 29-30), as Westminster competes at the 27-hole Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships in Wheeling, W.Va.

Westminster Men's Golf Places Second at Nine -Team Classic

The Westminster College men's golf team finished in second place out of nine teams this weekend at the Allegheny College/Griffin Motors Classic, a two-day, 36-hole event held at Meadville Country Club in Meadville, Pa.

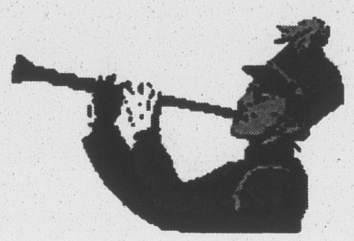
The Titans took a two-stroke lead after the first day of compeititon, but were unable to hold on to the lead. Westminster fired a two-day total of 299-316-615 to trail host Allegheny (301-310-611) by four strokes. Other team scores included the Allegheny Gold team (309-313-622), Washington & Jefferson (311-315-626), Gannon (305-322-627), St. Vincent (315-325-640), Allegheny White (319-325-644), Penn State-Behrend (329-324-653) and Mercyhurst (329-330-659).

For Westminster, leading the way was sophomore John Matune with a team-low total of 74-76-150 to finish in a tie for fourth place out of 45 golfers. He was joined in the individual Top 10 by sophomore Matt Kurtz, who placed sixth with a 71-80-151; and junior Scott Voelker, who was tied for ninth place with 77-79-156. Other Titan scores included freshman Robbie Jewell with 77-81-158 and freshman Dan Ockree with 80-96-176.

Senior Kevin McCreary also played as an individual, firing an 84-85-169.

Westminster men's golf returns to action this Thursday and Friday (April 29-30) as the Titans look to defend their team title at the 2004 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships at Oglebay Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va. Westminster won the 2003 PAC title by 25 strokes over W&J.

The "Titan" Marching Band Wants You!!!



The Titan Marching Band will hold their annual "end of the year" meeting on Thursday, May 6th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 51, Music Department

This meeting is for all returning and NEW MEMBERS for the Fall. Please come to find out more. The meeting will not be long and all questions for the Fall will be answered.

Instrumentalists and those with Flagline (Guardline) experience. Help us spread the word about Westminster PRIDE

If you are interested, but cannot attend, please contact Dr. R. Tad Greig at 946-7279 or e-mail greigrt@westminster.edu

Weekend Entertainment

Friday

Comedian Steve Matuszak
8:00 pm
Berlin Lounge

Saturday

Comedian Dan Levy
8:00 pm
Berlin Lounge

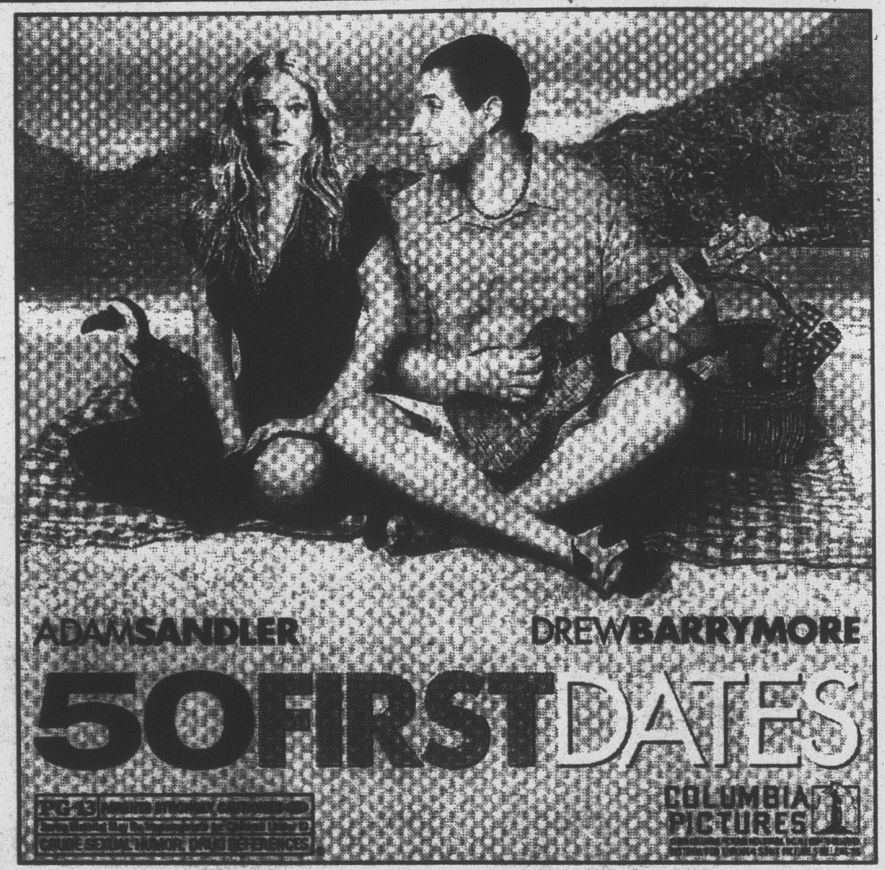
Coming Soon:

Hidalgo	May 7-9
Twisted	May 7-9

Volley Rock May 8
Reading Day May 11
Finals (run in fear) May 12-15
Senior Week May 15-21

Late Night in the Club Room
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
10:00 pm to 1:00 am

Free popcorn and drinks as always



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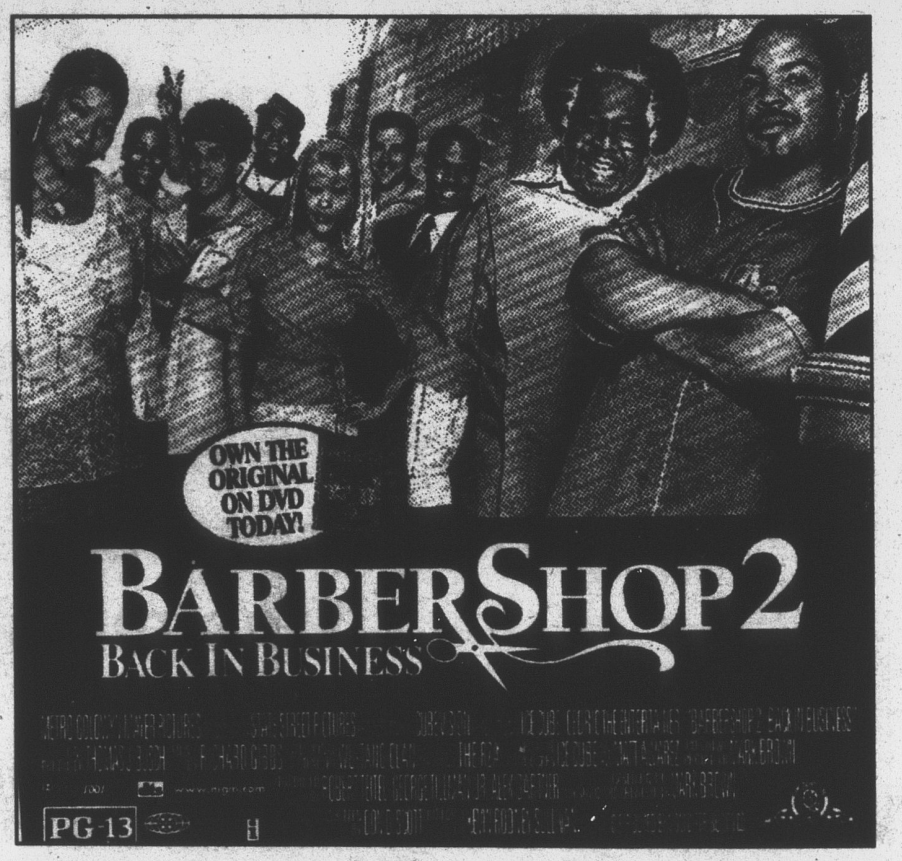

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Sun 9:00

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Pomp and Circumstance

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

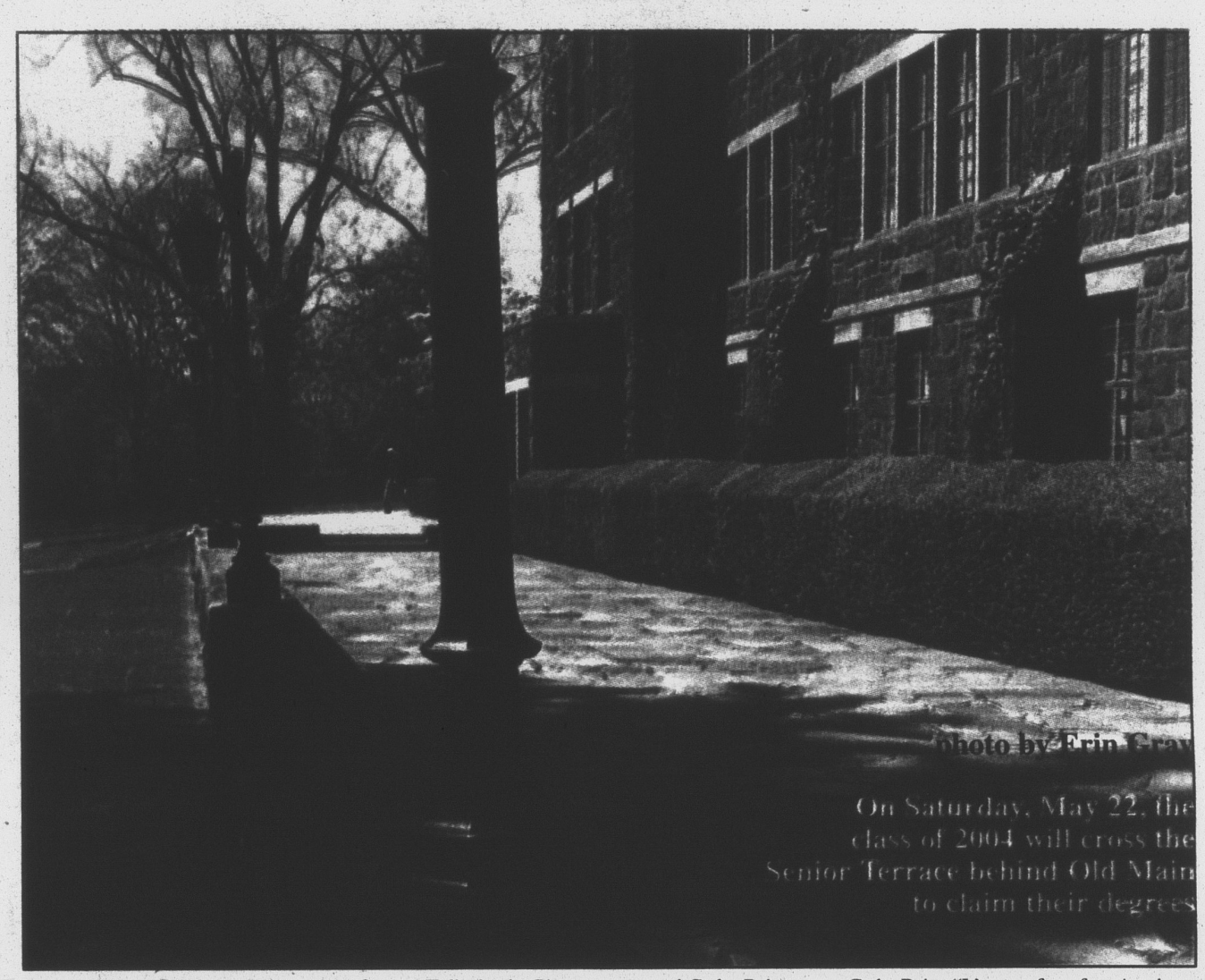


photo by Erin Gray

On Saturday, May 22, the class of 2004 will cross the Senior Terrace behind Old Main to claim their degrees

Once finals end and most students leave campus by May 15, seniors will stay behind for the much-anticipated Senior Week of 2004, when they will have the opportunity to say farewell to the campus and many friends.

Senior Week includes a broad list of activities for graduating seniors and takes place between Saturday, May 15 and concludes on Saturday, May 22 with graduation ceremonies.

"I think the main focus of senior week is to get seniors to interact with each other and enjoy the last week of their undergraduate careers here at Westminster," said graduation speaker and senior John Libert.

All seniors have been sent two papers in their mailboxes which must be filled out prior to participating in several of the senior week activities. These sheets list which activities seniors can participate in, ask for students to sign up for some events and also require payment for certain activities.

Some activities require payment, including a Pirates game on Tuesday, May 18 that costs $10 and a trip to Cedar Point on Wednesday, May 19 that costs $20. Also, the preceding Monday, May 17, features a trip to Tulley's from 8 p.m. until midnight where a cash bar will be available. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Other events include mass at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, Vespers at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, the President's Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, and the Senior Class Picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 21. The Board of Trustees will attend the picnic, and the senior class gift will be presented.

Once the forms sent to each student are returned to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne, seniors will also have their Senior Week meal plans activated. There will be no meal exchange in Orchard Street Café for Senior Week, but meal times are listed on the forms.

The culmination of Senior Week will be graduation. On Friday, May 21 a practice graduation will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Beeghly Theater. Then, on Saturday, May 22 the seniors will assemble at 9:45 a.m. in Beeghly Theater for their final moments as undergraduate students.

"I expect graduation to be a lot like my high school graduation. Only with a few more people," Libert said.

Senior Mike McKee has mixed feelings of excitement and sadness in anticipation for graduation on May 22. He adds, "I think from the students [there's] a sigh of relief, really."

Following the assembling of seniors, Baccalaureate will be held in Orr Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. After a picnic lunch on the Quad from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the seniors will again to assemble at Beeghly Theater and Commencement will begin at 2:30 p.m. If weather is bad, the alternative location will be the Field House.

Buses will be provided for the trips to Tulley's, the Pirates game, and Cedar Point. However, seniors are required to plan in advance whether or not they will use the school's transportation, and no changes on the forms will be permitted after May 12.

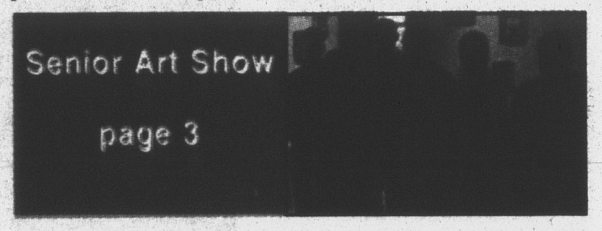
All Westminster policies will be enforced during Senior Week, including visitation hours, escort policy, and alcohol policy. Additionally, a valid driver's license is required for several events, including the late-night visit to Tulley's. A license will be required for any purchase of alcoholic beverages at the Pirates game.

McKee is happy with arrangements for Senior Week and is looking forward to the trip to Cedar Point. "It's one of my favorite places on Earth," he said.

"Being able to go to a Pirates game or to Cedar Point with a group of fellow seniors is a great way to put the finishing touches on our college careers," Libert said. "I'm looking forward to being at Westminster, with fun events [and] activities planned, and not having to worry about waking up for classes or exams."

McKee feels the events for Senior Week are very well-rounded and put together well.

Libert adds, "Seems like the school is really trying to provide fun options for us to partake in to make for an enjoyable final week at Westminster."



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CAMPUS NEWS

Volleyrock caps off semester

by Russell Mills
Staff Writer

On Saturday May 8, the Student Government Association will host its annual Volleyrock tournament featuring a concert by Drive-Thru records recording artist The Starting Line.

Volleyrock is the largest SGA sponsored event, with close to 900 students participating. The day will begin at 9 a.m. when the volleyball tournament kicks off. This year 112 teams will be participating in the tournament, featuring players of all ability levels. While some are trying to win the cash prizes for the top three spots, most people are playing just for fun.

"Volleyrock is one of the best times I have had at college," junior Richard Marmura said. "It is a time to hang out with your friends, play some games, and gorge yourself on some free Lube wings."

During the tournament, there will be other events that students can participate in. Theta Chi fraternity and Sigma Kappa sorority will sponsor human bowling to raise money for money for Dwight Copper, the librarian who was diagnosed with bone cancer. Phi Mu sorority will have a dunk tank to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. DJ Kevin "Hollywood" Hughes will be playing music and there will also be free snowcones and cotton candy. Also, the SGA special events committee will have a watermelon eating contest, a hula-hoop contest and an inflatable jousting event.

Sodexho will provide lunch in the old Down Under and Quaker Steak and Lube will provide all-you-can-eat wings for dinner. At 8 p.m., The Bonds are Broken and the Spacepimps will open the concert in Anderson Amphitheatre. The concert will conclude with headlining band The Starting Line. The Volleyrock tournament and the activities during the day are open to students of the college only. However, the concert is open to non-college students and wrist bands can be purchased in student affairs until May 7 for $10.

photo by Willis Bretz
All is quiet on the volleyball courts in anticipation for Saturday.

"The reason we do not allow non-college students to participate is because the funding for Volleyrock comes from the student activity fee," associate dean of student affairs Camille Hawthorne said. "While some SGA events are open to the public, the significant cost of Volleyrock does not permit allowing non-students to participate."

Some students have questioned the increase in price from three dollars to seven dollars for admission to Volleyrock. Organizers explain that Quaker Steak and Lube charges 11 dollars per person for wings for a total of $10,000. The shirts are six dollars per person for a total of $5,000. The other major expense this year is the concert featuring the Starting Line which costs a total of $16,000. Factoring in all other expenses Volleyrock this year will cost a total of $35,000. The cost increased mainly to off-set the expense of the concert.

"Our budget this year is a little tighter than in years past," SGA treasurer Greg Smith said. "But seven dollars is a small fee to pay considering the price of only a shirt is six dollars."

For more information on Volleyrock, please contact SGA at 7042, sga@westminster.edu or on AOL instant messenger at WCSGA2004.

Seniors reflect on past, look to future

by Leigh Ann Reynolds
Campus Writer

Saturday, May 22 marks the date of commencement for the graduating seniors. This time of year can be very stressful to seniors who are feeling as if they are being thrown out into the real world. Surely many life lessons had been learned and as this class leaves Westminster, they are sure to take with them the memories of the years past.

Christy Atkins, public relations major, speech communications minor, will be graduating in a few weeks. Atkins will experience not only the excitement of graduating, but she will also experience the excitement of her own wedding. After almost two years of engagement to her highschool sweetheart, Chris Pickell, Atkins will be married on July 24 in Upper St. Clair. Two of her bridesmaids, Erin Halpin and Eryn Lees will also be graduating this spring. She is also looking forward to the birth of her sister's first child at the end of June. Atkins wants to stay in the Pittsburgh area and find a job working for a non-profit company in public relations and event coordination. Atkins has many fond memories of being a student.

"I loved staying up and talking to my roommate and growing up together," Atkins said, "I learned about myself and got to experience so many new things."

Another large part of Atkins' time at Westminster was dedicated to being student body president for the 2002-2003 academic years. During her time in office, Slate Atkins increased awareness

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Chapel Drama to perform Godspell on Sunday

by Meagan Pecoraro
Campus Writer

Song, dance, comedy and mime are just some of the things that can be found at the production of the Chapel Drama, Godspell on May 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Godspell is a modern-day version of the gospels. The play opens with John the Baptist calling a group of people to learn the teachings of Christ. Throughout this magnificent production, the group of young people becomes an acting troupe that endorses the parables through a musical comedy. This play takes the audience through Jesus' ministry and leads them up to the last supper and his crucifixion.

"I think Godspell is a unique show that leaves much room for imaginative interpretation. The cast this year has blown me away with their talent, creativity and enthusiasm. I am lucky to be working with such a great group of people," senior Darcy Edwards said.

Junior Brent Rodgers plays the role of Jesus, junior Drew Huston plays Judas and Matthew Fodor takes on the role of John the Baptist. The remaining cast members will be playing the roles of the disciples with each one having their own solos and speaking parts.

"Godspell is a wonderful opportunity for students to get together, not only to put on a show, but also to join in fellowship with one another. It's been a real pleasure working with the cast and directors," Huston said.

Each year the Chapel Drama program puts on a production that is headed by the chapel office. These are free shows that are open to any member of the community. During intermission there is a free will donation basket that is passed around for anyone interested. Past performances include Children of Eden in 2003, Amen Corner in 2002 and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in 2001.

"We have a great cast, and we can't wait to present the show on May 9. It's going to be a great gift for our mothers for Mother's Day," Fodor said.

If there are any questions regarding Godspell, contact the chapel office.

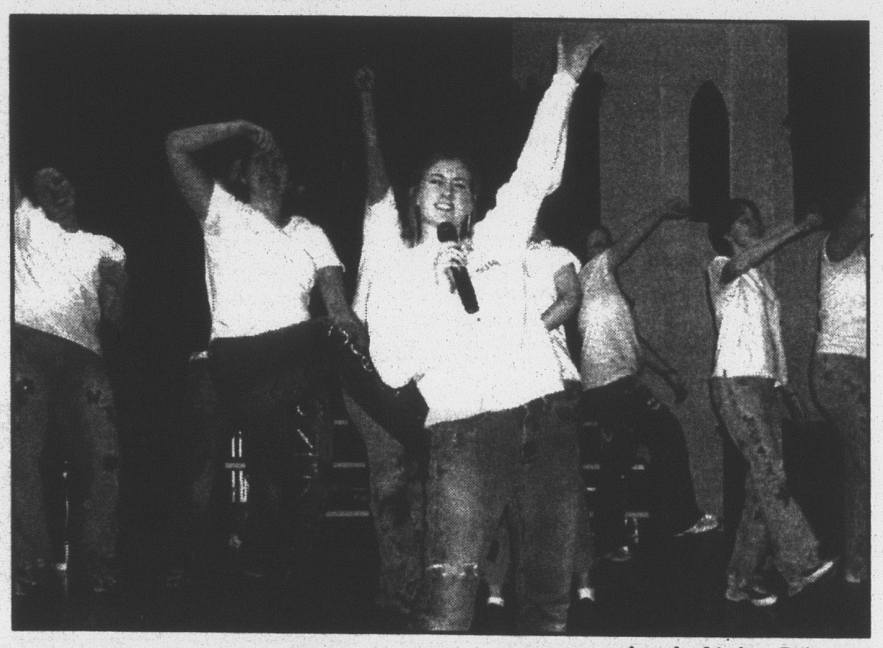

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Laura Zorch practices her Godspell solo, "The Light of the World."

Celebrity Series brings Broadway to Orr Auditorium

by Elizabeth Bacheson
Campus Writer

On April 28 at 8 p.m., the Celebrity Series wrapped up its 37th season by hosting the touring Broadway musical "Cats," in Orr Auditorium.

Consisting of about 26 cast members, "Cats" was considerably larger than other shows held here in the past. Believe it or not, this show required more than 70 people behind the scenes. Not only were 63 stagehands needed just to assemble the set, but also 10 wardrobe people assisted actors backstage with their cat costumes.

"'Cats' is a show that we have always wanted to have here, but couldn't accommodate until now," said Celebrity Series director Gene DeCaprio. "We are now technologically able to stage this kind of a show."

A recent grant of 1.7 million dollars to the college made it possible for Orr Auditorium to update and replace its stage, sound, and electrical equipment. The renovations will not be officially complete until the new seats, along with carpet and air conditioning is installed this summer.

Resulting the renovation, the auditorium is now equipped with more advanced technology such as a freight elevator connecting to the stage, a fortified structure above the stage to hold heavier scenery, new electrical inputs, new sound and light consoles, as well as new lights on the side of the walls and on the ceiling of the auditorium.

"Being able to bring "Cats" to Westminster makes me feel proud of our auditorium and stage facility in particular," DeCaprio said. "It also leaves me on the edge of my seat hoping that we can pull the show off and everything will work out."

Fortunately, everything did work out. Senior neuroscience major Devi Wintrode enjoyed the show.

"I loved the dancing and the costumes," Wintrode said. "It was also neat to hear the song "Memory" live."

Junior math major Emily Wehr agreed. "My favorite part was the dancing in general," Wehr said. "I also really enjoyed it when they used different parts of the set to make a train; that was really cool."

Twenty-five students were able to attend "Cats" through the efforts of SGA, who purchased the tickets from the Celebrity Series. The first 25 students to reply to SGA Special Events chair Nicole Udanis following a campus wide email were able to receive a ticket.

"It was a magical show," senior psychology major Tiffanie Scilla said. "It wasn't what I expected at all, and I thought it was great that students were able to attend through the efforts of SGA."

"I'm glad SGA made the show available for students to come to for free," sophomore public relations major Colter McElree said. "I liked "Cats" a lot; it was a high energy kind of show."

Greeks give back in a big way

by Nicole Kress
Campus Writer

During the past few months, the Westminster community has really come together through the Greek organizations in an attempt to help fight diseases affecting some of the staff on campus.

Earlier this semester, Theta Chi held its first fundraiser for Dwight Copper, which paved the way for many more fundraisers to come.

"I first heard that Dwight was sick from my mother, when I found out, I knew that I wanted to help him," co-worker John Joseph said. At this time, Theta Chi had been considering having a date auction for their philanthropy so Joseph immediately contacted Richard Marmura and they decided to hold the date auction and have all the proceeds go to help Copper.

Dwight Copper has worked for the college for over 20 years. He works in the library and those who know Dwight cherish not only his hard work and dedication, but more importantly his friendship. Just a few years ago, Dwight was diagnosed with bone morrow cancer. His medical bills however are not covered by his insurance because his medicine is still considered experimental. As a result, Copper's medical bills are very expensive.

When Theta Chi's Public Relations chair Bob Allen heard the plan, he managed to get all the Greek organizations involved and put flyers up and around on campus and pull the entire date auction off within a week. Allen also had to contact places to donate gift certificates for the couples.

"While it required a great deal of effort and hard work in such a short period of time, it was defiantly well worth it," Allen said.

"I thought it was going to be a problem to get restaurants and places to help us out and donate, however, Jillian's really helped us out a great deal, they gave us a gift certificate for a 22 person party," Allen said.

There was a much bigger turn out than what was expected and the amount of money raised was phenomenal.

Overall, 12 people were auctioned off. They picked two members from each Greek organization on campus to who were willing to be auctioned off for the evening.

"Pat Sandora and Tandi Lane were the announcers and I specifically said to them, to at least try and get people to bid more than 10 dollars, and they definitely held to that promise," said Allen.

People were being sold for sixteen, sixty and seventy dollar bids. People who didn't even have money were bidding, in attempt to up the price of the other bidders.

"The participation from everyone was

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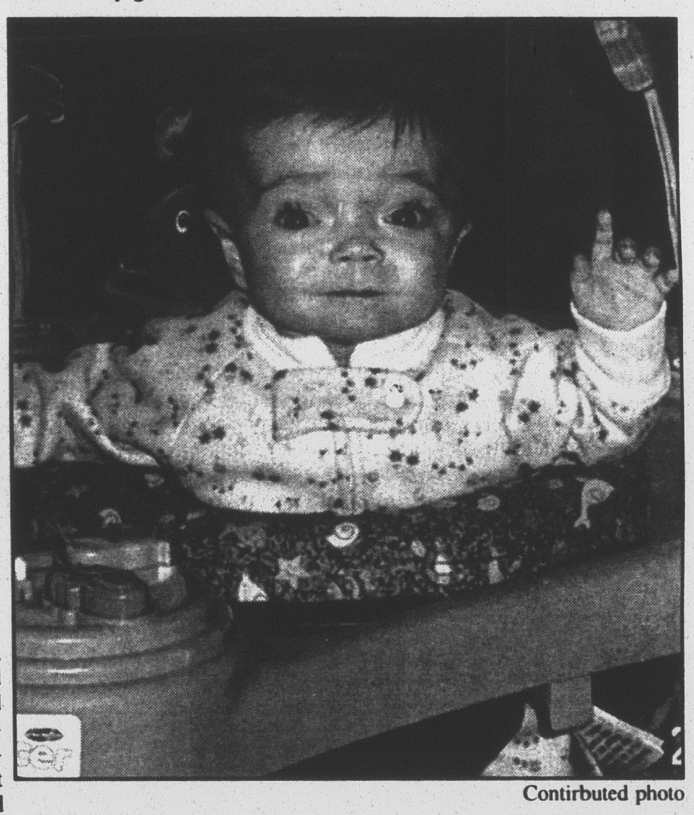

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Funds raised by the Penny Wars during Greek Week went to Information Systems employee Kelly Hartner's daughter, Claire.

Senior art majors display work in gallery

by Andrea Thompson
Campus Writer

The Senior Art Show opened on Thursday April 29 in Patterson Hall. The show will remain up until May 22 for all to view. The show featured senior art majors including Craig Carlin, Tasha Dodd, Erin Gray, John Joseph, Kimberly Klappert and Austin Ray.

Carlin is excited to see his hard work presented to the Westminster community.

"While at Westminster I have improved my artistic talents as well as become proficient in graphic design," Carlin said. "I have worked on many projects for my different graphics classes including point of purchase displays, instore signage and direct mail pieces."

photo by Megan Sigler

Tasha Dodd shows off her painting of the Last Supper to Dr. Barbara Faires

However, the Westminster community won't be the only ones to be viewing his work. "I am really excited for my family and friends from home to see my display before commencement," Carlin said.

Senior Erin Gray, whose presentation was on photography and digital manipulation, encourages all students to try to learn about what the artists were trying to get across in their work.

"We all gave a short talk on our shows," Gray said. "It would probably be good to go to the gallery and read everyone's artist statement that is displayed to get a better idea of our work."

These artist statements are located with each artist's projects in Patterson Hall.

Carlin, also feels he has gained much more than knowledge from his experiences here.

"I have made a great friend in Rich DiGia who has been a teacher, mentor and friend to me now for almost 4 years. I hope everyone enjoys the art gallery display because all of us art majors have put in countless hours preparing it."

Sophomore fine arts major Stacy Logue definitely enjoyed and appreciated the senior's presentations and hard work.

"I liked the show, the artwork was really nice. Being an art major, it made me excited to start my capstone," Logue said "I liked how all of the presentations were so different, they all used different media, and they were all presented well."

Finals Week: How to make it out alive

by Courtney Turek
Campus Writer

The sights, smells and sounds outside are all telling you that summer is almost here. But before you throw on a bathing suit and sunscreen, you have to survive your final exams.

It is inevitable that during the next week you will become stressed and overwhelmed, but there are several ways to minimize your anxiety.

Babs Qunicy, a counselor in the Health Center, advises us to approach stress on two levels: immediate and overall.

"First, micromanage. Make a To Do List to get more structured. It gives you a sense of control," says Quincy. During studying periods, take frequent breaks to get away from your books, and get plenty of rest. Avoid any food products like sugar or caffeine that will increase anxiety.

Lastly, "the next time you have an anxiety attack or have a stressed moment, pay attention to your breathing because you probably aren't breathing at all," she says. Take deep breaths because it's the foundation stone for dealing with stress."

Approaching stress overall requires "looking at the big picture," says Quincy. "Your self worth and identity has nothing to do with this test."

If your stress collects in your muscles, the Health Center offers 10 minute massages on Mon. and Tues. from noon- 3 p.m. "The appointments always fill up fast, so make sure to call as soon as our e-mail comes out," says Nurse Judy Duda.

The Health Center isn't the only place to look for advice to cope with finals. Each student has his or her own ways of eliminating stress. A survey of students has produced the following Top 10 List of Things to do During Finals Week.

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Stephanie Hitchcock and Jeremy Baker prepare for finals in McGill

10. Have study groups with your friends so you can gossip at the same time. 9. Sleep during your free time. 8. Watch movies during the day. 7. Blast your music and scream as loud as you can during quiet hour breaks. 6. Go out on Reading Day Eve. 5. Perfect your solitaire skills. 4. Visit crayola.com if you feel creative. 3. Schedule a massage in the Health Center. 2. Blow up a balloon for each of your finals and after you take each final, pop the balloon. 1. Go on a shopping spree at the Thrift Store with the money you get back fromselling your books.

Your Student Government Association

by Andrea Ceplecci
Contributing Writer

This week's meeting was the final SGA meeting of the year.

It's almost time for everyone's favorite event: Volley rock! Volleyrock will be held on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will also feature a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The bands lined up to play are: The Bonds Are Broken, Space Pimps, and The Starting Line.

If you signed up for Volleyrock, the concert is included in the cost. Otherwise, you must purchase a $10 ticket in the Student Affairs Office. Non-Westminster students may also attend the concert for $10: Team captains should pick up their t-shirts and wristbands on Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in room 255 of the Campus Center. If you have any questions, contact Vice President Russ Mills.

The Finance Committee held audits and allocations this week. Contact Finance Chair Rich Marmura if you have any questions regarding your organization's audit or allocation request.

The annual Kennywood Day will be Sunday, May 9. Tickets are still available for ten dollars each and can be used all summer. There are also still seats available on the bus. Contact Special Events Chair Nicole Udanis by Friday for more information.

Congratulations to Leigh Ann Reynolds! Leigh Ann was

selected by the executive committee to be the Senator of the Month for the month of April. Leigh Ann's hard work and dedication to SGA has been greatly appreciated throughout this semester.

The Senate voted to approve a plaque and podium to be dedicated in memory of Dr. Eugene Sharkey. The plaque and podium will be placed in Patterson Hall, room 114, which will be named "The Eugene Sharkey Memorial Classroom." For more information, contact Academics Chair Colter McElree.

There were two sophomore spots and three junior spots in the Senate that were filled at this week's meeting. Congratulations to sophomores Katie Clark and Ben Libert and juniors Pat O'Connor, Kate Duncan, and Cassie Walker!

The Senate also elected two student representatives to the Board of Trustees. Applications were received and the Senate chose juniors Jaime Carter and Russ Mills to represent the students on the Board. Congratulations!

That's all for this year! SGA would like to thank the students for their support and wish the graduating seniors the best of luck.

Feel free to contact us over the summer at sga@westminster.edu if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Slate Rummel looks forward to serving you again next year.

Flowers are just the beginning

by Chris Morgenstern
Campus Writer

Every year in May, students struggle to find the perfect gift for the extra special woman in their lives, their mothers. If you're having a particularly hard time shopping this year, here are some creative ideas for you.

What mother wouldn't love a bouquet of flowers sent to her house? Flowers are a great way to show her how special she is, and a note inside the bouquet adds a personal touch.

Since you were in elementary school, Mom has been keeping a detailed gallery of your artwork and literature. Why not carry on the tradition with a poem, drawing or framed photograph to your Mom.

Senior Matt Buzard looks forward to Mother's Day every year.

"I always try to get my mom something between us. My little brother always tries to out do me, but he forgets that moms want something special to them, and not what he likes."

Most moms are typically on the go and rarely have time for themselves. Create a day of relaxation with candles and a gift basket of her favorite scents. Bath and Body Works offers an extensive collection of products that help your mother pamper herself for the day. Why not even treat her to a relaxing day at the spa?

Breakfast in bed or a picnic lunch would be a great way to spend some one-on-one time with your mother.

"Every year our family goes to Kennywood for the day," junior Ron Florian said. "My mother's favorite thing to do is spend time with her family, so we treat her to a fun day at the park; and even better, there aren't any lines."

Something as simple as helping around the house can take place of any material gift.

"I like to cook or clean around the house so my Mom doesn't have to," said senior Brittany Jardine.

Some gifts to avoid: pots, pans and cookbooks. These gifts send the message that moms should cook more so you do not have to. Cookbooks say that your mom isn't the best cook and she needs better recipes.

Irons and vacuum cleaners should be avoided as well. Self-improvement products suggest that your mother needs help with something in her life, and you're here to point out what that is.

Buying a pet on Mother's Day also should be avoided, more than likely she'll end up doing most of work for it, not the best 'relaxation' gift for your mom.

The number one rule when buying a gift for mom is do not buy something that benefits you and not your mother. Gift idea center.com gives a detailed list of dos and don'ts for Mother's Day.

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Case forces state to investigate adoption process

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) A criminal case in which two foster children were bound with duct tape and photographed has prompted state lawmakers to call for stricter screenings of prospective foster and adoptive parents.

On Tuesday, members of the House Children and Youth Committee discussed legislation to strengthen the screening process with representatives of state government and county child welfare agencies at a public hearing.

Sponsored by Rep. Bernie O'Neill, the bill would require the state to add more criteria for approving foster parents. Along with child-abuse and criminal clearances that are already required, county agencies would have to consider factors such as financial stability, protection-from-abuse orders, and previous addresses over the past 10 years.

"The intent of this legislation is not to discourage qualified people from becoming foster parents," O'Neill said. "However, there are people getting through the cracks of the system."

O'Neill said he and Sen. Robert Tomlinson, a fellow Bucks County Republican who is sponsoring similar legislation, introduced their bills in response to the arrests of Colleen and Neil Broe, of Levittown, in April 2003.

Authorities alleged that the Broes bound their adoptive children - a 1-year-old girl and a 2-year-old boy - with duct tape to keep them under control. Colleen Broe had accused her husband of staging the photos and using them as leverage in their divorce.

Although the couple passed criminal checks, a newspaper's review of civil records following the duct-tape allegations revealed that a former girlfriend won a protection-from-abuse order against Neil Broe. He denied taping the children but pleaded guilty to child endangerment and was sentenced in January to 12 to 30 months in prison. His wife was acquitted of child-abuse charges in November.

Evelyn Miller, executive director of Bucks County's child welfare agency, told the committee her staff never knew of the Broes' domestic problems because the couple did not disclose them on their application. Miller said her agency has since expanded its screening process, and O'Neill's bill would provide a consistent set of guidelines statewide.

"While a family's past indiscretion ... should not automatically disqualify them from loving and caring for a child, a pattern of behaviors may do just that," she said.

Foster parents agree with most of the bill's provisions, but object to the consideration of financial status as part of the application process, said Pat Feaster, president of the Pennsylvania State Foster Parent Association.

"I think they are putting a lot of emphasis on finances and not taking into account that people of all walks of life and all financial segments can be good parents," said Feaster, who has been a foster parent for 30 years.

Although the Department of Public Welfare generally favors the idea of expanding the screening criteria, Secretary Estelle Richman expressed concern that certain provisions would hamper efforts to encourage relatives to become foster parents.

Among other things, counties would have to obtain information on any drug- or alcohol-related arrests, convictions or hospitalizations within the past 10 years. Richman said the department favors a window of two to five years, except for serious crimes.

A shortage of adoptive and foster parents has left 1,174 children waiting for adoption, and approximately 20,000 are in foster or adoptive care at any given time, Richman said.

"My primary emphasis is making sure that children are in safe families," Richman said. "At the same time, we want to be careful that we don't end up with fewer (foster) parents and more children end up in more compromise because they're in institutions or they're separated from siblings."

Regional Briefs

Man charged for niece's death

PHILADELPHIA (AP) A 19-year-old man will stand trial in the death of a 5-year-old girl found hanging from a jump rope in a closet in her home, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Alexander Grant had been held without bail since he was arrested March 26 in Brelyn Seals' death. At a preliminary hearing Tuesday, Common Pleas Judge Bradley Moss ordered him held for trial on a charge of murder and scheduled an arraignment for May 26.

Grant, a brother of the boyfriend of the girl's mother, lived in their home in the city's Kensington neighborhood.

Police had initially said they were investigating the possibility that the girl accidentally strangled herself with the jump rope. But two days later, the Medical Examiner's Office ruled the March 23 death a homicide by asphyxiation.

Prosecutor Jude Conroy said he presented evidence that autopsy results indicated that the child was asphyxiated but didn't show injuries consistent with hanging. He said Grant allegedly admitted to police that he smothered the girl with his hand when she became upset as he was swinging her around by her arms and threatened to tell her mother.

Thurgood Matthews, an attorney for Grant, who argued that the death was unintentional, didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Million dollar lawsuit cap

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Senate Republicans Tuesday paved the way for a showdown with the House over limiting the ability of Ohioans injured by a defective product or unsafe business to sue for damages.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 5-4 to approve a bill that combines a $1 million cap on jury awards for pain and suffering with a measure that prohibits obese people from suing restaurants over health problems. The full Senate was expected to approve the measure Wednesday.

The Senate easily passed the bill limiting lawsuits last year but has watched in frustration as it sat in the House with little movement.

"We picked up the pieces and we're sending what we believe is needed to help stimulate this economy and what's good for business," said Senate Judiciary Chairman Steve Austria, a Dayton-area Republican.

Earlier Tuesday the GOP-controlled committee combined the lawsuit bill with the obesity legislation that had already passed the House - forcing the House to consider the pain and suffering limits.

The combined bill passed along partisan lines with the exception of Republican Sen. Louis Blessing of Cincinnati, who voted against it, saying he believed parts were unconstitutional.

Democrats protested the maneuver, with Sen. Marc Dann, a Youngstown Democrat, repeatedly referring to Republicans "cramming" one bill into another.

Made in Canada

MAUMEE, Ohio (AP) President Bush rode across Ohio on Tuesday in a bus emblazoned, "Yes, America can."

Turns out the bus was made in Canada.

The front of the red-white-and-blue coaches - the president's and a spare one - bore another label: Prevost Car, owned by the Swedish Volvo Bus Corp. and Britain's Henly's Group PLC. Prevost's manufacturing facility is in St. Claire, Quebec.

Bush campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel said many of the components, and the engines and tires are American-made.

"As President Bush says, 'economic isolationism' would derail our recovery and kill jobs," Stanzel said.

Bush has defended his free-trade policies against Democratic criticism and says those who favor restrictions on imports are "economic isolationists."

Foreign-made vehicles are a touchy topic in the job-strapped industrial Midwest - states like Michigan and Ohio, which Bush toured on Monday and Tuesday.

"The problem isn't the bus he's riding on. It's the failed economic policies he's driving," said Phil Singer, a spokesman for Democrat John Kerry's rival campaign.

Stanzel said the Bush campaign partnered with Hemphill Bros., which employs 130 people in Nashville, Tenn., to have the buses outfitted for the trip. He said the campaign paid $45,000 to use them for a week.

Stanzel also noted that Prevost has facilities in California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and Texas.

African lion on the loose

GAHANNA, Ohio (AP) Police flushed a coyote from the woods, but still were looking Tuesday for a suspected lion that several residents reported was on the prowl.

"I'm convinced it's a 300-pound to 400-pound African lion," deputy police chief Larry Rinehart said. "We're scurrying. It's a heck of a day."

Television helicopters were hovering over the city trying to spot the big cat. Police contacted the Columbus Zoo for advice on what to do if they find the animal. The Ohio Highway Patrol had a helicopter on standby, in case it was needed.

Residents first reported seeing the animal on Monday. One police cruiser was stopped on a street when the animal bounded across the pavement in front of it. Another report came from a man returning to his company parking lot, who saw the big animal in his headlights.

Rinehart said he didn't know how the lion ended up in the residential areas on the eastern edge of Columbus, not far from Port Columbus International airport.

"That's the mystery," Rinehart said. "Whoever had it is not giving that information up. There are some lions that are legally owned in adjoining counties and they're all accounted for."

Robbery leads to police chase

MONONGAHELA, Pa. (AP) Dozens of police officers were searching for a robbery suspect believed to be carrying an assault weapon who led police on a chase before fleeing into woods.

Franklin Sebetich, 56, of Ellsworth, fled by foot into woods near his home last week after police tried to arrest him for an armed robbery, authorities said. Police said they saw Sebetich on Tuesday morning, and chased the car he was riding in off Route 481.

The driver, whom authorities didn't immediately name, was taken into custody. Sebetich fled into the woods.

"Our greatest concern in the safety of the community and the safety of our officers," state police Trooper Robin Mungo said. "This individual is obviously very dangerous. He took a shot at officers this morning."

Roads in the area were closed as police searched the area Tuesday afternoon with dogs on the ground and by helicopter in the air.

NATIONAL

Texas man with terrorist plans sentenced to over 11 years

TYLER, Texas (AP) A man who stockpiled machine guns, bombs and enough cyanide to kill everyone inside a building the size of a small-town civic center was sentenced Tuesday to more than 11 years in prison.

William Krar, 63, pleaded guilty in November to possessing a dangerous chemical weapon and could have gotten life in prison.

His common-law wife, Judith Bruey, 55, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and was sentenced to nearly five years.

Peter Galbraith, an FBI supervisory agent, said Krar had talked about using sodium cyanide as a weapon. But investigators said they were unable to determine exactly what he intended to do with the arsenal.

"While we do not know the specific plans, and what the specific plans were for these particular weapons and chemicals, we do know that those plans were thwarted, that a potential tragedy was prevented and an existing threat was neutralized," said U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig.

Before he was sentenced, Krar said he never meant to hurt anyone.

"In my 63 years, I've never been in serious trouble. For the record, I'm neither a terrorist or a separatist. I've never desired to hurt anyone or the country that I love," Krar said, reading from a folded, yellow paper.

At a news conference, Galbraith said authorities were led to Krar after fraudulent documents he mailed were mistakenly delivered to a Staten Island, N.Y., man, who notified authorities.

"For those who may have dozed off after the wake up call of Sept. 11 and the wake up call in Oklahoma City, this investigation is a reminder that it's important for the citizens of the country to help out their law enforcement, to be alert, to be aware," Galbraith said.

Krar's attorney, Tonda Curry, said investigators never produced evidence Krar was involved in a terror plot.

"I don't fault the government for their reaction and for reacting to this case as a domestic terrorism case," Curry said, adding: "I don't think domestic terrorists walk out of the federal court house with an 11-year sentence."

Curry said Krar told her what he intended to do with the stockpile, but that she wasn't at liberty to discuss it.

In April 2003, federal agents raided storage units the couple had rented in Noonday, just south of Tyler in East Texas.

Agents found nearly a half-million rounds of ammunition, more than 60 pipe bombs, machine guns, silencers and remote-controlled bombs disguised as briefcases. Pamphlets on how to make chemical weapons and racist literature were also discovered.

Agents also found nearly two pounds of almost pure sodium cyanide - enough to kill everyone in a space as big as a high school basketball arena, authorities said.

The findings led to one of the most extensive investigations of domestic terrorism since the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Southern California wildfires cause residential evacuations

CORONA, Calif. (AP) Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes Tuesday as wildfires burned through Southern California brushlands parched by hot, dry weather that led to an early fire season declaration.

Some homes and outbuildings were destroyed but there were no reports of losses on the scale of the destruction that happened last fall, when thousands of homes were destroyed.

A man was charged with negligently setting the largest blaze.

Weather appeared to be improving Tuesday, with temperatures in the areas of the largest fires expected to top out in the mid-90s, about 10 degrees cooler than Monday. Meteorologists also said humidity would increase as air moved onshore from the Pacific.

The two biggest fires were in Riverside County, east-southeast of Los Angeles, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared both of them major disaster areas to make firefighting agencies eligible for federal funds. Fires also were being fought in San Diego County and up the coast in Santa Barbara County.

The Cerrito fire in Riverside County between Corona and Lake Elsinore exploded overnight to 5,000 acres, up from 1,600 late Monday. It was just 15 percent contained Tuesday, according to the California Department of Forestry. Three outbuildings, two unoccupied mobile homes and an unidentified structure were destroyed.

As many as 600 people were evacuated as the Cerrito fire approached their homes, and 2,000 to 3,000 others may have left voluntarily, said Rick Griggs, an engineer with the California Department of Forestry.

Abraham Contreras said firefighters warned him Monday night that flames were heading toward his home, so he cleared his own firebreak around his 33 acres.

"I went with the tractor and made a circle around the property," said Contreras, adding that the fire burned everything in the area except his and his neighbor's homes. "The fire can't come back, everything's burned."

One man had been arrested for investigation of two felony counts of "recklessly causing the fire with equipment," said CDF Capt. Julie Hutchinson. She said the man "didn't intentionally inflict damage; he did something that was negligent."

Also in Riverside County, the 4,000-acre Eagle fire south of Temecula destroyed or damaged "multiple structures" during the night, Griggs said. Containment was estimated at 10 percent.

The destroyed structures included the Dorland Mountain Colony, a cluster of buildings used as an artists' retreat, said CDF Capt. Jason Neuman.

The Eagle fire was about 10 miles south of an area that burned in last fall's wildfire siege.

"There's a lot of areas out there that haven't burned in many years so there's plenty of fuel to burn," CDF Capt. Steven Diaz said.

National Briefs

Hospital molestation charges

NEW YORK (AP) A security officer for a Brooklyn hospital has been charged with molesting a 16-year-old patient, authorities said Tuesday.

Juan Leon was arrested Monday on misdemeanor charges of sex abuse, forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a minor.

The alleged victim contacted authorities after spending five days at Woodhull Medical Center with an undisclosed ailment. She claimed Leon entered her room and sexually assaulted her on April 30.

Leon, 25, was fired after an internal investigation found credible reason to believe "inappropriate harassment had occurred."

If convicted, Leon could face up to a year in jail. Officials did not know his lawyer's name.

In a statement, the city Health and Hospitals Corp. said it "had zero tolerance for this type of outrageous behavior."

In recent weeks, security at the city's public hospitals has drawn scrutiny since a 13-year-old girl said she was raped at Bellevue Hospital Center last month. Police arrested a man who had been visiting his wife.

Days later, a medical assistant was arrested at Bellevue on charges he sold guns and drugs from his hospital locker.

Muhammad Ali honored

WASHINGTON (AP) Muhammad Ali was honored Tuesday for his lifelong work to improve living standards in the developing world by a national organization that promotes Arab-American interests.

The Arab American Institute highlighted the famous boxer's work in delivering money, medical relief and food to African and Asian nations. It also praised Ali's efforts to stage his fights in developing countries such as Zaire and Malaysia.

Ali, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, visited Afghanistan in November 2002 as a United Nations "Messenger of Peace."

A museum celebrating his life will open next year in Louisville, Ky., his hometown.

Ali, a Louisville, Ky., native, received a Kahlil Gibran Spirit of Humanity award from the institute. It also honored MPI Media Group, which produced such documentaries as "Inside the West Bank" and "Tragedy in the Holy Land: The Second Uprising."

Other honorees included the American Near East Refugee Aid, which provides assistance to displaced Palestinians, and Rock the Vote, a voter registration initiative.

The institute created the awards six years ago in memory of Gibran, an early 20th century Lebanese American poet.

Queen Noor of Jordan presented Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., with the first Najeeb Halaby Award for public service, an honor commemorating her father, the former Federal Aviation Administration director and philanthropist.

Elderly man sentenced to jail

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) A 69-year-old grandfather who punched an older man as they stood in line for movie tickets pleaded guilty to manslaughter Tuesday and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Seymour Schuss will serve his sentence at the Broward County Jail's infirmary.

Schuss punched Irving Rosenberg, 74, on Nov. 8, 2002, after Rosenberg told Schuss' wife to "shut up." Rosenberg's head hit the pavement outside the Tamarac Cinema, causing a 7-inch skull fracture. Rosenberg lapsed into a coma and died 16 days later.

Schuss' lawyers argued that the legally blind Schuss saw Rosenberg as a shadowy figure who seemed on the verge of attacking his wife.

Rosenberg's family said they were satisfied with the sentence.

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INTERNATIONAL

May Day used for international rallies

MOSCOW (AP) Workers and activists across the world used May Day rallies Saturday to press demands as varied as strengthened labor rights, an end to the war in Iraq and reunification of the Koreas.

In the only apparent violence on international workers' day, clashes erupted between youths and police in Berlin after a peaceful leftist demonstration. About 170 people were arrested.

Besides the usual workers' calls for fair wages, pensions and benefits, Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov lashed out at the U.S.-led military campaign in Iraq.

"Today it is important to protest the war unleashed by America and NATO in Iraq," Zyuganov told several thousand supporters in Moscow at a Communist and trade union-organized rally.

In the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, about 20,000 people attended in Communist- and Socialist-organized rallies, though hundreds broke away to take part in a sing-along led by opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko.

"We want to sing. We are tired of political rallies," said Vadym Shkavro, 33, standing in line with his 2-year-old daughter Lena in his arms.

In neighboring Moldova, President Vladimir Voronin reduced the price of a loaf of bread by 5 percent to 23 cents for the day.

Clashes in Berlin broke out when groups of chanting and whistling youths, some wearing face masks, hurled cobblestones and bricks at police, who responded with tear gas and baton charges. Cafes and shops rolled down their shutters as the street fighting lasted into the night.

Earlier in the German capital, some 2,300 supporters of the far-right National Democratic Party staging their annual anti-May Day march were blocked by 300 stone-throwing opponents.

Traditional labor-organized May Day rallies drew about half a million supporters across Germany, the main DGB union federation said.

DGB head Michael Sommer said the gap between Germany's rich and poor had widened and demanded that Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder end his unpopular drive to trim the welfare state.

"We don't want a Europe where one needs three jobs just to get by," Sommer told the cheering crowd in Berlin.

In Spain's capital, thousands chanted "Terrorism, no" during a May Day march dedicated to the victims of the Madrid train bombings last month.

"We are missing 192 workers and students of different nationalities who (could have) walked with us here for peace, the right to work and for a free and just society," Candido Mendez, secretary general of the General Workers Union said.

Elsewhere, thousands of striking transport workers marched through Athens, demanding greater protection of workers' rights. Demonstrators marched to the U.S. Embassy - a traditional target of many protests in the Greek capital.

In the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, 600 workers from South and North Korea held a joint May Day celebration, expressing hopes for reunification of the divided Korean Peninsula.

The workers were joined by 2,000 Pyongyang citizens, the South's Yonhap news agency said in a report from the Northern capital.

About 20,000 Thai workers and labor activists wearing red shirts and waving flags denounced a government plan to partially privatize the state electricity company.

In Havana, President Fidel Castro said Cuba would defend itself "to the last drop of blood" and declared himself unafraid of what he called new U.S. measures to change the island's four-decade-old socialist system.

At the annual May Day celebration, Castro warned U.S. officials to be "calmer, more sensible, wiser and more intelligent" before the expected release of a report by the U.S. government's Commission for a Free Cuba.

The report is to include recommendations about hastening a democratic transition in Cuba and providing assistance afterward.

Across Brazil, hundreds of thousands of workers filled the streets of major cities, protesting unemployment they blame on leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's austerity program.

About 80 women from a rural workers' group marched toward the Amazon port of Santarem to protest the expansion of soy farming they say is destroying the rain forest.

Former American hostage treated in German hospital

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) Former American hostage Thomas Hamill, who was shot when he was abducted in Iraq, was treated for the wound and regularly received food during his three weeks in captivity, a U.S. military doctor said Tuesday.

Hamill, who escaped his captors Sunday in a daring run to freedom, has lost a few pounds but feels "in generally good health," said Maj. Kerry Jepsen, a surgeon treating Hamill at a U.S. military hospital in Germany where the ex-captive arrived Monday.

Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver for a subsidiary of Houston-based Halliburton, waved to reporters with his bandaged right arm from a balcony at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. He said he was feeling well.

"I am very glad to be back on an American installation. I am looking forward to returning to America," he said. He urged Americans to "keep your thoughts and prayers with those who are still" in Iraq.

In his escape, Hamill pried open the door of a shack where he was being held and ran a half-mile to a U.S. military convoy passing by near the town of Balad north of Baghdad.

"He feels very lucky to have gotten away," Jepsen told reporters. "He's looking forward to meeting his family and getting back home."

Hamill was shot in the arm when his convoy was ambushed April 9. He recalls receiving medication for the wound and being put under anesthesia after being captured, though it's unclear whether he was taken to a clinic or a doctor came to him, Jepsen said.

His English-speaking captors initially "left him with some water and a couple packages of cookies," Jepsen said.

They frequently moved him from place to place, guarding him in cramped, mosquito-infested rooms where he had to sleep on the floor and had to stay inside during daylight hours, Jepsen said.

On the day he got free, Hamill recognized the rumble of U.S. military vehicles' diesel engines nearby and decided to make a run for it.

"He just said, 'This is my opportunity and I'm going to make it. He's going to have to shoot me or take me out,'" Jepsen said.

Military doctors have said Hamill, from Macon, Mississippi, is in good shape and would likely return home this week. His wife, Kellie Hamill, was expected to meet him at Landstuhl on Wednesday.

"I am looking forward to reuniting with my wife in the morning," Hamill said.

International Briefs

Explosion injures 33 Chinese

BEIJING (AP) An explosion at a market in China's southwest injured 33 people, the government's Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

Authorities suspect the blast was intentional, the agency said, but a police official reached by telephone refused to speculate on the possible motive.

The blast, at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the city of Guiyang, "was caused by a powerful explosion device put under the awarding platform of the market, which split many steel bars into pieces," Xinhua said, citing local sources.

Among the 33 people who were injured, four of them were hurt seriously and hospitalized, the report said.

Guiyang is about 1,110 miles southwest of Beijing.

Children's author sent to jail

LONDON (AP) A leading British children's author was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison Tuesday for sexually abusing young girls.

William Mayne pleaded guilty to 11 indecent assaults on six girls aged 8 to 16 who visited his homes from the early 1960s to the mid-1970s.

Prosecutors told Teesside Crown Court that the 76-year-old writer, author of a trilogy of novels about the legend of King Arthur entitled "Candlefast," "Cradlefast" and "Earthfast," kept an open house for young readers, inviting them around to play and write poetry.

But at the same time the resident of Thornton Rust in northern England was "grooming" his girl victims for abuse, they said.

Early in the trial, which began in March, Mayne admitted 11 indecent assaults but last Friday, shortly before sentencing, he tried to change his plea. That application was rejected.

Judge David Bryant told Mayne Tuesday that he had enriched the lives of many youngsters, both through his work and face to face.

"Unfortunately, there has been a darker side to your interest in young girls and that darker side is reflected in the counts on this indictment to which you have pleaded guilty," the judge said.

Mayne, who has shown no remorse or understanding of what he had done, has been placed indefinitely on the government's register of sex offenders and banned from having any contact with children.

German parliment building says no to Cruise film

BERLIN (AP) Tom Cruise will not be allowed to film scenes for "Mission: Impossible 3" in the German parliament building, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The parliament spokeswoman confirmed a report in the Bild daily that a location manager from Babelsberg Studios near Berlin had asked permission to shoot scenes for the movie in the Reichstag, known for its giant glass dome that attracts thousands of tourists.

The request was rejected as part of the parliament's regular rules about filming, which is only allowed in relation to political proceedings, the spokeswoman said.

"The dignity of parliament should be preserved," she said. "It is handled similarly by other parliaments."

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Rant and Raves need more paper

Texas!

Why do people have to be hypocrites?

I love pot holders

We have seriously gone almost the entire YEAR without clocks in the MCC

Why do professors think they own the only class in the world?

How come we never see: "I love my baby Snake"?

We gon go hoop!

Some people just don't care about politics. Deal with it.

Kiss me

I measure life in coffee scoops.

I'm not in a witty mood today

Why couldn't they hold the sidewalk sale after payday?

I got no game, and that's sad.

Information Systems needs to give the departments what they want. Mac love forever!

Four years and all I got was this stinkin' t-shirt.

Good bye everyone, I had fun and I'll miss all of you...ok, not that guy, but the rest of you.

Shout out to the Residence Life Luau! That cheesy bread was glorious.

Boo to the Luau! If I wanted party music blasting in my ears all night long, I would have gone OUT!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

My View: Elvis has left the building

Imagine having a twenty page group assignment due, once every week, for two semesters straight, and then you have an idea what its like to put a newspaper together.

Two years ago, I was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Holcad. I had no idea what the hell I was doing. I jumped from Holcad Cartoonist to Holcad Editor in the matter of weeks. And now, — issues later, I can honestly say it has been a learning experience.

Most people have no idea how hard it is to put out a weekly publication (and I have no idea how insane it must be to put out a daily). Articles have to be edited, sorted, formatted, saved, lost, found again, lost again, rewritten, lather, rinse and repeat. Pictures have to be taken, developed (or downloaded in the digital age), formatted to the right color separation and put into place with witty captions. Advertisers have to be wrestled with and tracked down. A million other tiny little details have to be dealt with, and all before deadline. You sweat and fret and put everything together, you get it in (sometimes late) and get it done and guess what...you get to do it all over again next week.

Filling up this little box takes a big chunk out of an editor's time as well. Its tough work coming up with a witty, thought provoking editorial every other week. (Megan and I switch off, with the exception of last week and this, when I did double duty. Megan tends to write the witty ones; I stick to the self help editorials.)

Headlines are another special treat

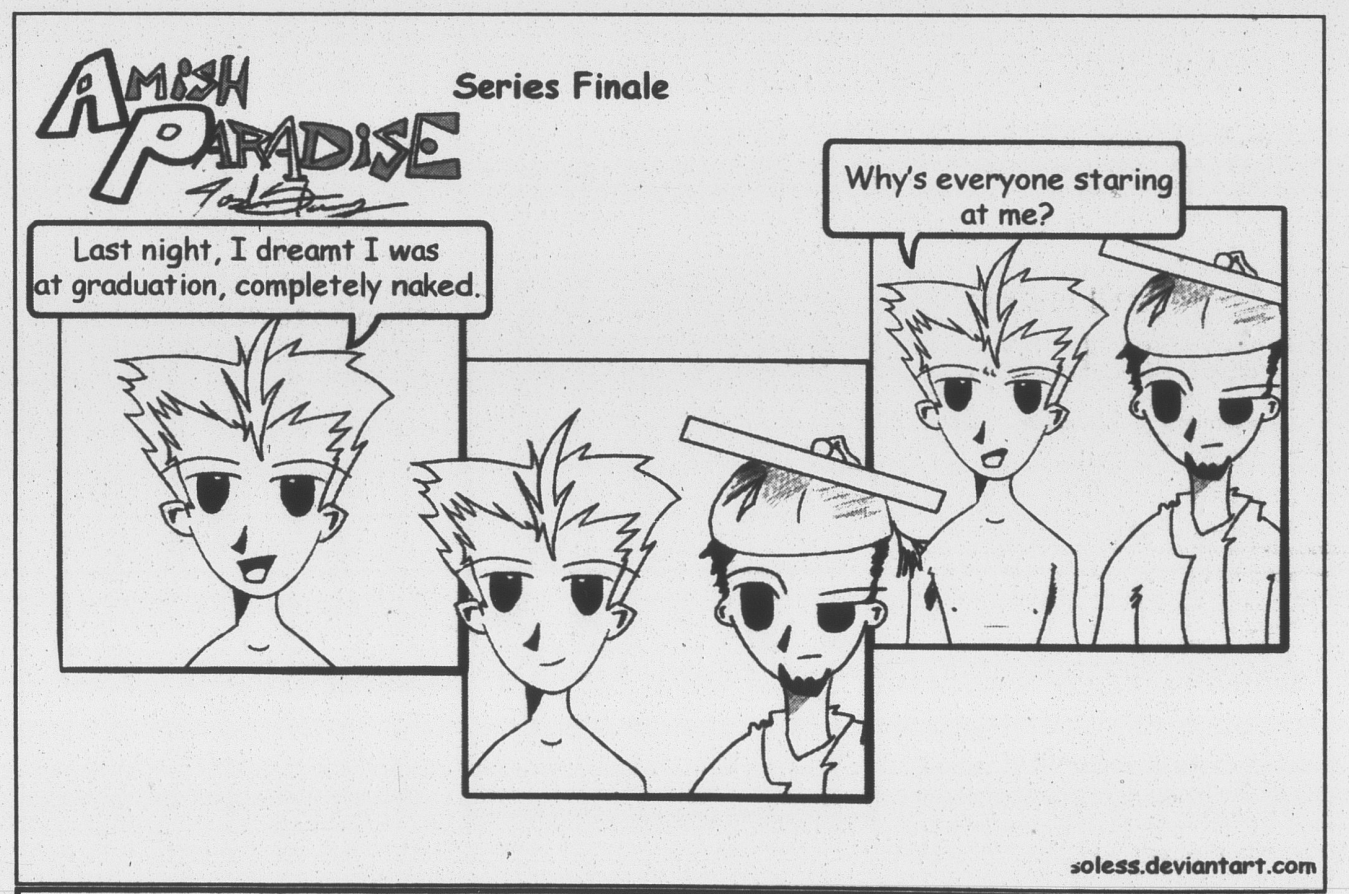
(can you hear the sarcasm?). Not only do they have to catch your attention and be relevant to the story, but they also have to fit in a preset amount of space. Try summing up six paragraphs about the latest meal plan scandal in five words or less.

Oh, and don't get me started on technical difficulties. You know how your computer always decides to crash the night before the big assignment? Yeah, we've got three computers and a possessed laser printer that all work off of the same principle.

Next year I'm going to grad school, and I probably won't join the news paper there. The Holcad has taught me enough to know I don't want to do this for the rest of my life. And besides, I doubt another newspaper could take up the spot in my heart the Holcad holds. My time on the paper hasn't been all gripes and pains. The past two years have introduced me to some of the bestest people I know (yes, bestest). None of this would have happened without the names on that staff list over to your right.

Sure, putting out the Holcad was hard, but that made the rewards all the sweeter. And in the end, I can't help but feel a swell of pride when the stack of Holcads outside the Cafeteria disappears in an hour. Pride in a job well done, not only by myself, but by my friends as well.

I've made plenty of mistakes and I'll admit to them freely. But, with the help of a top notch staff, a lot of sweat, and a good kick to the delinquent laser printer, I like to think we've made your student newspaper into something special. If you think otherwise, please leave me to graduate with my delusions. Thanks.



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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I am seeking campus wide support for the efforts of the Personal and Public Persuasion class. The class voluntarily has been working on what they call the " Save the TUB" project.

Since first opening in 1948, the snack bar area of the Student Union has been named the TUB, standing for Titan Union Building. In 1958, when a new Walton Mayne Union opened the TUB tradition continued even though it was not officially named the TUB.

I commend the campus committee that named all the various rooms in the new student center. Many hours of hard work went into creating a fine facility. The name the Orchard Street Café would be a great choice were it not for the long standing tradition of going to the TUB. The TUB name is the one thing that unites the generations. They all have great memories of going to the TUB.

The class has carefully researched all the reasons not to change the name to the TUB. It's a new building and should have new names, and the cost of sign replacement being the primary concerns uncovered. To this we reply throwing out a nearly 40 year tradition cannot be justified because the building is new. The cost of the signs can be recovered from supportive alumni, faculty, staff, and students who want to" Save the TUB." Meanwhile, the Orchard Street Café signs can be removed and not replaced until funding can be acquired.

A letter the editor in a spring 1986 edition of the Holcad questioned student efforts to name the snack bar the TUB. The writer indicated that there were more important issues for the campus to consider. He argued that if 2000 people call a place the TUB, it is the TUB.

I agree that we have more pressing issues. I also agree students, staff, and faculty call it the TUB, so it is the TUB. Let the tradition continue.

Thank you for your support.

David L. Barner
Associate Professor of Broadcasting

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom & Chris

Mean Girls

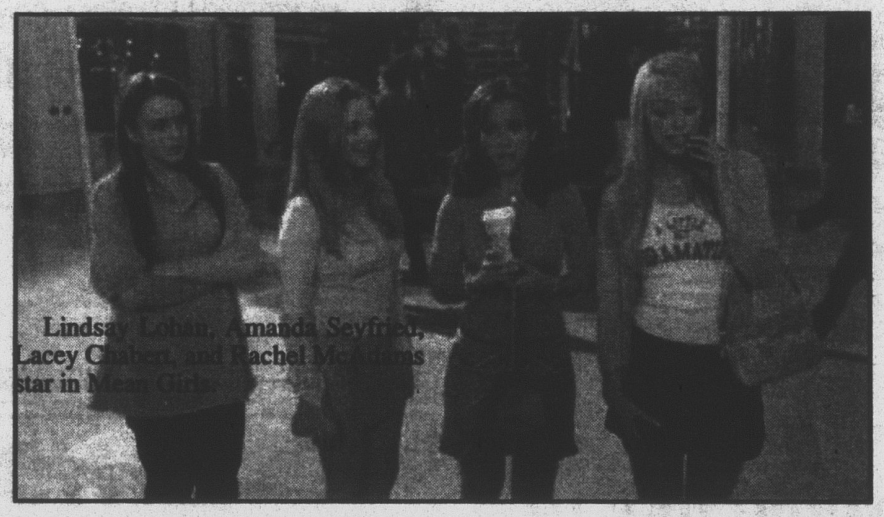
by Chris Medjesky and Tom Oyer
Movie Reviewers

Everyone on campus now has at least one year of college down. Some of us have used up all of our time here. So we have decided to use our last movie review of the year to discuss our lives...in high school. Specifically, this article is for the ladies. Why? Because this week we have decided to review a movie that honestly seemed like a teenage chick flick. Instead we were treated to a trip down memory lane for both of us, as we got to see junior year of high school once again.

Mean Girls, adapted by SNL star Tina Fey from the book Queen Bees and Wannabes, follows the junior year of Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan), a girl home-schooled in Africa up until this point in her life. Scared on her first day, Cady quickly makes friends with Janis and Damian, an accused lesbian and admitted homosexual respectively. Trouble is, Janis and Damian hate the Plastics, the most popular, beautiful girls in school. Cady is convinced to join the Plastics, by Janis, to infiltrate their organization and destroy them from the inside out. Can Cady keep to the plan or will she be sucked into being a legitimate Plastic herself?

Okay, that was cheesy. But that's really the feeling throughout the movie. Mean Girls is a look back at how we all fell into peer pressure. The film chooses to focus on female characters and situations for several reasons. One, men usually don't have very exciting, drawn out feuds so you really can't have a movie. Two, and probably more importantly to the producers, focusing on females allows them to show a bunch of scantily clad, good looking high school girls strutting their stuff.

However, there is plenty for the girls in this movie, as Cady quickly falls for the resident hunk Aaron Samuels, an ex-



Lindsay Lohan, Amanda Seyfried, Lacey Chabert, and Rachel McAdams star in Mean Girls.

boyfriend of the leader of the plastics, Regina George. Aaron is the typical heart-throb in a romantic comedy, however, in this film, he isn't nearly as stupid, and his actions actually make sense, especially when considering the manipulation that Regina is capable of.

Regina is the deliciously written supreme bitch of high school society played perfectly by Rachel McAdams. She is so great at being evil that you love hating her as she brings new found terror to students and teachers everyday, especially in one of the films most climactic scenes. Also of notice is Party of Five alum Lacey Chabert, playing the plastic-in-waiting Gretchen, whose father invented toaster strudels.

This film really rests on the shoulders of Lindsay Lohan, who is becoming a bigger and bigger star with every new film. Working with Mark Waters, her director from Freaky Friday, Lohan carries this film with her natural charm and versatility. She is entirely believable as the new awkward student, and as the reigning plastic queen of high school. Whatever is required of her, she seems to be able to pull it off, which foreshadows her future in movies to be very bright.

The appearance of numerous Saturday Night Live performers in the film, brings considerable joy to audience members, whether it is Tim Meadows as the principle, Amy Poehler as the whipped mother of Regina, or Ana Gasteyer as Cady's mother. Not to mention the extremely clever and funny script by SNL writer and star Tina Fey. Fey gladly uses all of the clichés of high school films from the past, but puts an extra spin on them and almost rejuvenates the entire genre. The star of this film is the script, as it provides almost constant laughs throughout.

To end this year we'll once again cover our topic of the last couple of weeks: target audience. Obviously, this movie is aimed at teenage girls. But should it be? Honestly, the themes of the movies will likely be missed by teenage girls, who will get more wrapped up in the story than what it's trying to say. College girls are more likely to see the point. And honestly, the most fun is to be had by college guys, who can watch this movie and remember all the terrible girls they had to sit back and watch in high school.

The film is not perfect. Certain things are not believable (would a teacher stand in front of the class with a see-through shirt?), stereotypes go too far (maybe all Asians do hang out together and crowd into one lunch table), and some plot points become somewhat predictable before saving themselves. For these reasons, Mean Girls is an A-. Just to note, this movie is a modern day Heathers, so if you liked that movie you'll probably love Mean girls. But trust us, Mean Girls is a constant guilty pleasure, and you'll have a ball watching this one.

With that we check out for the summer and head to the cineplexes to cool off. Be sure to see: Troy, Shrek 2, The Stepford Wives, The Manchurian Candidate, The Villiage, The Notebook (chick-flick for a hot date), and if you really want, Spider-Man 2, but you'll probably be the only one there. (Psyche!)

A few good summer concerts

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Ahem. "What summer means to me:" When I think of summer, I think of working nine hours a day at Kennywood, seeing a lot of movies, and going to concerts. Oh, concerts. How I love them. And so should you.

Okay, concerts suck up all of your extra cash and you almost always have to fight hours of traffic. But for those two or three perfect hours, nothing in the world could be wrong. I would consider it very wrong of me if I didn't share with you fine readers some of the most rocking tours coming through the Pittsburgh and eastern Ohio stages this summer.

First up for the 'burgh is X-fest, sponsored by 105.9 FM, on Friday, May 28 at the Post-Gazette Pavilion in Burgettstown. The all day affair features bands across the spectrum of 'alternative' music from veterans the Offspring and Cypress Hill to newer bands Switchfoot and Story of the Year.

Hometown heroes, the Clarks, have a two day engagement at the Chevrolet Amphitheatre in Station Square on June 18 and 19. These guys have consistently been the biggest draw for this venue the past few summers. I don't think I need to persuade anyone on this one. You fans know who you are. I'll be there on the nineteenth.

Summertime fave Dave Matthews Band plays at the Post-Gazette Pavilion on June 26 and 27, and then heads west to Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls in Ohio on June 29. Again, no need to sell this one. If you don't have your tickets by now, then, well, sorry Charlie.

Jimmy Buffet takes the stage at Blossom two days later on July 1. As of right, the lovely folks at the TicketMaster site don't have any Pittsburgh dates listed.

Maroon 5 and John Mayer hit the area in August, starting at Blossom on Aug. 3, and then coming to the Post-Gazette Pavilion on Aug. 13. I, for one, have this one marked on my calendar. John Mayer is great live and I've heard nothing but good things about Maroon 5's performances.

Rounding out the summer is another of my favorite tours, the Vans Warped Tour. I have three possible dates for your consideration: July 24, at the Tower City Amphitheatre in Cleveland; Aug. 5, at the Post-Gazette Pavilion; and Aug. 17, at the Germain Amphitheatre in Columbus.

There are way too many bands on the bill, and not all of them do the whole tour, for me to mention them all. Check out warpedtour.com for all of your needs. One of the unique things about the Warped Tour is that the lineup changes with every performance, with no one band acting as the headliner. This summer also marks the tenth anniversary of the tour, so I don't doubt it'll be a good time.

Of course, there's a number of other bands I'd like to go see, (*cough*Chicago and Earth, Wind, and Fire*cough*), but I fear ridicule should I mention them. And I lack the space to do so, as well. As always, ticketmaster.com is a great resource for finding the perfect show for your area. Happy concert-oing!

Isaac's Last Number: Booking Campus Bands

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

For the past four years that I have spent at this college, one of my many goals for improving this campus has been to bring you better musical entertainment.

I'll start out with a little bit of background for those of you who don't know how entertainment is booked on campus. Bands are typically brought to this campus through one of two organizations: either CPC or SGA. In the past year, other organizations have stepped up to the plate to help bring bands, but they don't have the spending power and influence that CPC and SGA have. In terms of what has been done by other organizations, the regional progressive conference brought the Narrows, Kappa Delta brought the Buzz Poets and Further Down, and in the near future Theta Chi will bring the cam-

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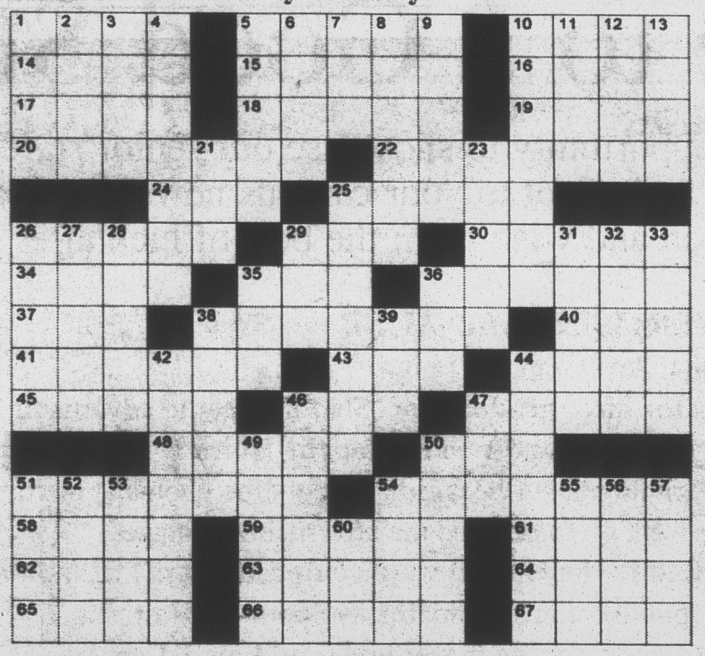
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

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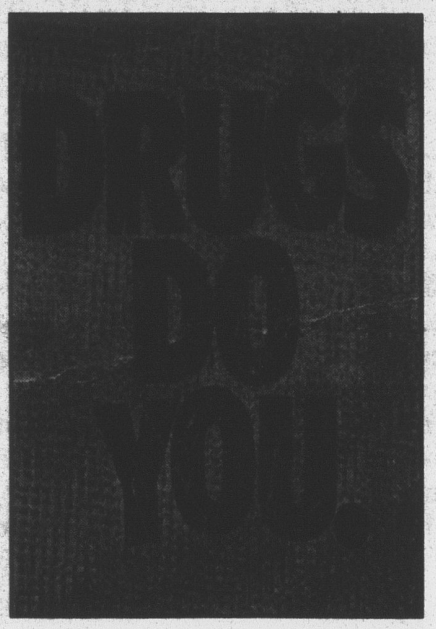


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Swift thinking will help you meet any opposition you encounter in the workplace during the week. Any independent research you begin will be rewarding in the long run. You may be feeling a bit depressed due to minor tensions at home - work things out now.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Discuss any ideas for progress and greater satisfaction in your career with someone whose advise you trust. There is an opportunity at a distance that may be worth considering. Make an effort to stay in contact with a few old friends with whom you've shared much.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

There is a job opportunity which you had previously looked into which may materialize into an offer this week. It's time to make the decision, and now you have a bit more leverage. A new romance will lift your spirits and get you to start thinking about forever.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Use your knowledge for the benefit of friends and family members. If you are well prepared, the results will be obvious. Don't let jealousy and possessiveness undermine your primary love relationship. Situations this week will strengthen ties with a lover.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

A cycle of self-improvement will begin this week. Your mind is incredibly active and your powers of concentration are great. Make the extra effort to spend a little more time with a loved one. Luck seems to be with you and a major accomplishment will be rewarded.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Tell your lover exactly what's on your mind, for the deep feelings you have need to be shared. Your production level at work is high and your skills will be highlighted. Friends will play an important role in your everyday life for the next several weeks.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Luck seems to be with you all week, so take advantage of it and play your hunches. Plan your next several days and try to stay on schedule in order to be as efficient as possible. Romance with your partner will be more than delightful. Relax and recoup in the evening.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

It will be easy to express your thoughts and feelings this week. Since you get along with just about everyone, use this to your advantage. Be careful about any spending you will be doing - resist any impulses to buy the first thing you see. Do some comparison-shopping.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

You naturally have great insight and practical ideas and it's time to put these pluses to good use, especially in the workplace. Pay attention to details, watch and learn from others. Any knowledge you acquire will benefit you greatly in the very near future.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

A talk with your significant other will be very productive this week. There seems to be great rapport between the young and the old, cooperation abounds. It's time to assert yourself and air your own ideas. Luck comes your way if you are willing to take a chance.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Play your hunches - it looks like you might be in the right place at the right time. Talk over any career plans with someone you consider a mentor. Any pressure in the workplace will be alleviated with cheerful perseverance. Save time for a good friend.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Family and travel are highlighted this week. It's an especially good time to get in touch with friends, even those who live far away. You may need to spend extra time at work that was not planned in order to finish what you had started. Balance work and home.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are at your best when involved in an emotionally satisfying relationship, due to your sense of romance and physical need for close contact. You have the intrinsic ability to identify with others and you shine when sharing your compassion.

FEATURE

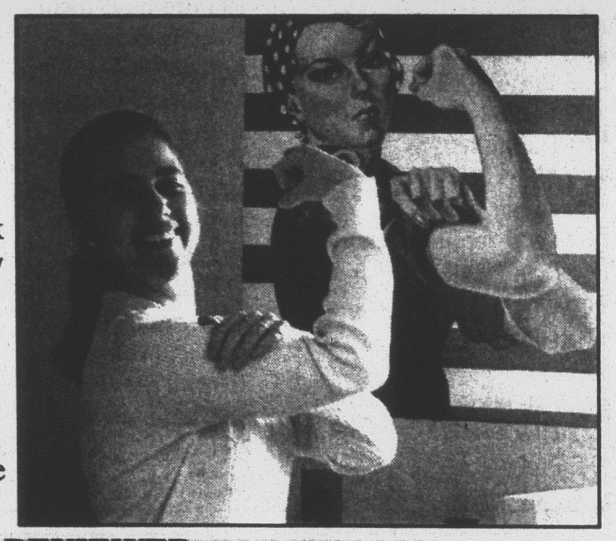
Goodbye to a Good Staff

The Holcad would like to take this opportunity to showcase our senior staff members who have contributed their hard work and talent to your campus newspaper each week.
We commend their dedication and wish them the best of luck after graduation.

Craig Carlin

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Major: Art (Graphic Design)
Plans for after graduation: Start a career in advertising design in Pittsburgh
How did you start working for the Holcad? I became interested in being a photographer because I thought the photos at the time were horrible, and then went on to become the advertising manager.
What ad in the Holcad were you proudest of? I'm proud of some of the ads I put together for Sidetracks Sports Bar last year.
What would you do if you had a million dollars? Buy Theta Chi a new house, buy myself a sports car, and buy a computer that actually works.
Who da man? The Heartbreak Kid
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? I don't hang out on campus... I like to roam from one spot to another in McKelvey.
What's one thing no one knows about you? I am that damn good.

Melissa Logan

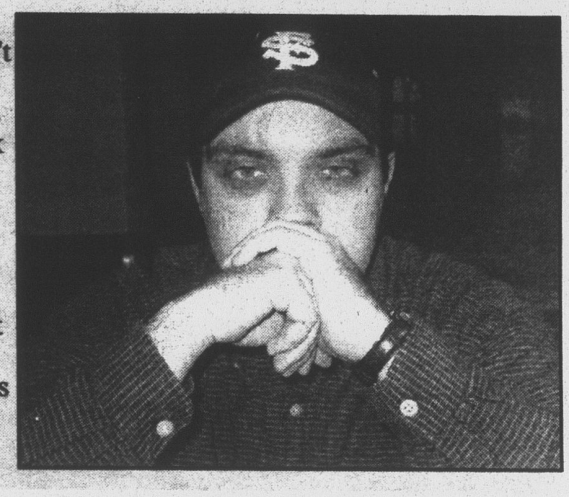


SENIOR STAFF WRITER
Major: Public Relations
Plans for after graduation: Get a job...or sit on my parents' couch, watch bad tv and eat cheese curls...which ever comes first
What got you interested in writing news? Editor of my high school newspaper...wanted to keep writing to improve my skills.
What's the best story you've written for the Holcad? Restaurant review for Combine Brothers- home of the world's largest, hardest and chewiest buns
If you could have lunch with one famous person, who would it be? If I could pick a dead person- Albert Einstein. I like his hair. If I had to pick a living person- My grandmother...she's famous to me
What's your dream job? Bingo coordinator at a nursing home (seriously!) or the director of a PR department at a non-profit organization
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? The Argo office... but not really. My bed.
What's one thing no one knows about you? My dream vacation would involve swimming with dolphins on some random tropical island

Isaac Ludwig

SENIOR STAFF WRITER/ MUSIC REVIEWER
Major: PR (Broadcast Communications and Visual Arts Technologies minors)
Plans for after graduation: Being poor, traveling and trying to gain that real world experience everyone talks about. I plan to work in the entertainment industry and eventually open up my own PR firm that specializes in entetainment PR.
What was your best article written for the Holcad? The one I did with the bassist for A Perfect Circle, but that's probably just because it's the most "high profile" interview I've done.
What's the weirdest thing you did as a kid? I was so excited when I could buy clothes at the Goodwill instead of wearing the stuff my mom made... all I ever want ed was to fit in...that was only a phase though... screw fitting in... I'd kill to have a pair of mom's pants again!
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? I'd have to say either my apartment or the student center... and the Holcad office in particular... for more reasons than most will ever know.
What's one thing no one knows about you? I've been arrested 3 times and spent about 3 days in jail... and I hate wearing pants.

Drew Huston

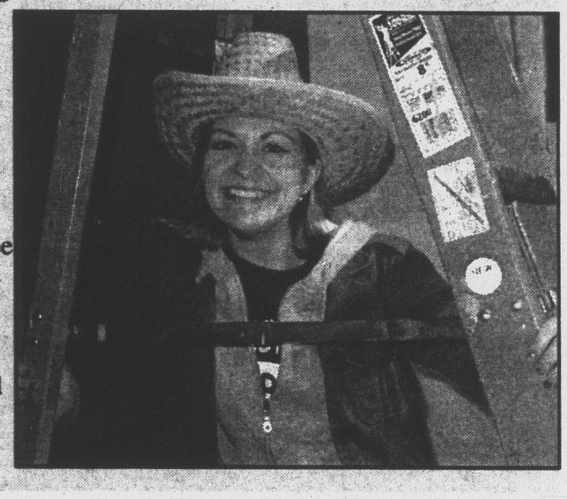


NEWS EDITOR/ ANGRY COLUMNIST
Major: Political Science
Plans for after graduation: Not sure yet. Law School, Grad School or Culinary School
Why did you start writing the 'Angry Voice' column? I found myself upset about things on campus that I didn't think were fair to students. Plus, I just wanted to stir things up for people and raise a little hell.
What was your favorite 'Angry Voice' column? My favorite column (meaning the one I'm most proud of) was the one I wrote about gay marriage. Even though Dr. Na disagreed with me on some biblical points, I still think that my argument, if things are taken in the context I intended, is the correct one.
What is your biggest (and I mean biggest!) pet peeve on campus? I always get extremely angry when people think that I'm stupid, or incapable of doing something. I get mad when people think that about students in general. For instance, the Sodexho thing - they thought that we wouldn't fight them when they were ripping us off. Well, they were wrong.
What's the stupidest thing you've ever done? I refused to face reality from the time I was 7 until I was 21. That was incredibly stupid of me.
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? Honestly, I really like my room - I'm never there, so it is always enjoyable to just sit down for a few minutes and relax.
What's one thing no one knows about you? I'm a member of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Carolyn Miller

FEATURES EDITOR
Major: Broadcast Communications, baby!
Plans for after graduation: Staying alive. Hopefully NOT living at home. Oh please, God no.
Why were you drawn to features writing? Because my personal style is way too creative to feel at all comfortable doing news writing. That, and I HATE NEWS.
What features column was your favorite? My favorites are always the ones that come the easiest. I real ly love the one I wrote about Sims and their makeshift college life. I'm badly addicted to the Sims. They are EVIL.
If you could eat a meal with any celebrity, who would it be? This question was what got me not accept ed to Grove City (thank GOD). I still hold firm by my answer of Weird Al Yankovic. He's just too cool of a guy to pass up a chance to meet, y'know?
Who would win in a fight: you, Christina, or Britney? Me, duh. No holds barred, I'd kick them both in the face and they'd cry about their image.
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? The nook. If you don't know what the nook is, then you're not a part of it. But I will say it's in the Campus Center.
What's one thing no one knows about you? When I was two years old, my family stayed in a beach house, and I fell out of a second story window. There was nothing to cushion my fall but the ground. They *said* that nothing was damaged, but you never know...

Elizabeth Grepp



STAFF WRITER
Major: Public Relations
Plans for after graduation: Yeah but they're a little random. I am going to spend the summer in the Grand Teton mountains at a lodge waitressing. No, I have never waitressed before and no, I don't know any one in Wyoming either.
What got you interested in news? For as long as I can remember I've loved to write. So to answer your question, I'm not sure it had anything to do with news more to do with the fact that I enjoy writing.
What was your best story written for the Holcad? Oh man, I don't know what the best one was but my favorite was the one I wrote on Moveon.org. It was something I was really interested in and I think it showed.
What's your favorite outfit? Haha, whatever's clean and comfy. It mostly depends on my mood.
If you were abandoned on a desert island with no means of escape, who would you want with you? See this is the kind of question you shouldn't ask to someone who's indecisive because I don't really know. Probably my favorite person of that moment. I can't decide who that person is though, hhhmm...ask me tomorrow.
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? Well, this may make me sound like a total loser but next to my room it's gotta be the Holcad office. It's nice and quiet in there so it's easy to get work done and not be distracted by other people.
What's one thing no one knows about you? I iron, complusivley. I can quit anytime I want though, I swear...

Erin Gray

PHOTOGRAPHER
Major: Visual Arts Communications
Plans for after graduation: To look for a job in photojournalism
How did you start taking pictures? In high school I really enjoyed taking pictures of my friends and stuff, my parents bought me a camera my senior year and I used it all the time
What's your favorite picture printed in the Holcad? The Juliana Theory picture
What was your most embarrassing moment (before college)? Drunkenly throwing up in Chi-Chi's
What's your least favorite class at WC? PR Research
What's your favorite hangout spot on campus? A-gAme's room
What's one thing no one knows about you? ...Let me think about this one

Where am I going, and why am I in this handbasket?

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Graduating Feature Editor

I, like so many other people on this campus, am a senior. And not only that! I'm graduating. That's a special word that means 'moving back home until I find a job so I can get the hell outta Dodge.'

Something that's quite interesting, I find, is that after four years here (well, technically three and a half, but I doubt I missed anything of grave importance while I was out of the country) I have a lot to complain about. I'm sure you've noticed this. I like to complain - and I like to give praise where it's due, as well.

Go back over my articles from the last year, and you'll see an interesting variety of moods and the like. So treat this article as just that - a huge conglomeration of everything I feel and know.

Not the One-Armed Man:

Firstly, my number one pet peeve on campus - a good 99% of all of you have at least one perfectly good arm. So why do the majority of you prefer to hit a button that is clearly labeled for the handicapped? Because you're lazy. And then you complain when the handicapped doors don't work after you've hit the button. Stop abusing it. Yeesh.

The Lakeside View

Now, to jump subjects, how many of us have ever been down to Anderson Amphitheater? It's a really nice structure that provides decent shelter, and it's rather comfortable when the weather is nice. It's got a great stage and a nice view of the lake. So why is it that it gets used maybe twice during the entire year? Wouldn't it be a great place to show movies when the weather is warm? And of course, nobody makes out in the amphitheater.

Feet on the Floor, Shoe in the Door...

On the topic of making out, why is it that we have the whole visitation hours thing anyway? Is this a purely religious thing, or do the people in charge actually believe that no sex will take place during the week if people of the opposite sex can't stay overnight? Of course, we can always bring into play the fact that not all students are straight. There's no better deal than two lesbians rooming together for four years.

A Good Game of Risk Conquers All

For those of you not graduating yet, this definitely applies to you. I know we all know that this area is dead for after-dusk entertainment. But I seem to be among the few students here who don't need to go out drinking to have a good time. I have good friends, whom I am insanely grateful for, and we make our own fun on campus. Some of you could really learn from this - good friends can equal a good time, and for free and on campus as well.

You've Got a Mind - Speak It!

I'd like to encourage each and every one of you to speak your mind. Don't intentionally hurt people, but never let yourself be walked over. Speak up for what you believe in, as long as you're sure that's what you're ready to endorse no matter what. Silence, my friends, is nothing to brag about.

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And on that topic, I'd like to address everybody who's complained that Titan Radio plays commercials and claims to be commercial-free: Look up the definition of commercial, folks. I'll bet you anything that it says something about paying for that time. Titan Radio doesn't pay to put promo sweepers on its own station. Get over it.

"Uh...uh...yeah."

Let's talk about music. Music is absolutely beautiful. I don't see the purpose of music that one cannot truly enjoy - like rap. Wait, let me rephrase that - like bad rap. What's the difference? One is deliciously lyrical and intricate in the phrasing, while the other likes to stick to stock phrases like "uh...uh...getin my bed...uh...uh...yeah."

Big Brother is Watching Joe Millionare

Speaking of popular music and culture, why is our nation so addicted to reality shows? I can't speak too poorly of their viewers - I was definitely addicted to Top Model, like a train wreck - but seriously, people. What are we on now, Survivor 8? Here's a thought - what if one season, nobody survived? Would that kill the series forever? Probably not. If anything, more people would watch to see the next gruesome death occur during the water-based races.

Actions Speak Louder than Words

And while we're slightly near the subject of group activities, I'd like to mention a conclusion I've come to. I'm an independent on campus, I think this is well-known. But in an attempt to understand the Greek side, I asked questions to various Greek students.

The interesting bit is that several of them said the same thing: that they hate the negative stereotype of Greek life on campus. Of course, then when I asked one what her sorority was doing to change that stereotype, she answered with, "Nothing - nobody cares."

...right.

The Positive Part

Anyway, I can't end this thing without doing all the shout-outs I want. First and foremost, a huge kudos to the Career Center on campus! It's an absolutely wonderful resource run by wonderful people who will help you as much as they can. They can't get you a job, because they wisely leave that bit up to you.

Also, everyone should realize that we have a music department on campus, and they put on some absolutely beautiful concerts. Show some support for all those students who take time out of their lives to perform that gorgeous music for you, the campus.

I could go on and on about the broadcasting department, but I'm a little biased, so let's just say this school has a great one, and I'm glad to have been here the last four years.

This Concludes It All

Here's the bottom line: despite all my complaints, all the things that bug the heck out of me, I'm still glad I came here. I will be proud to say that I graduated with a B.A. from Westminster. I know that I'll cry at commencement - I'm soft like that. My mom will probably cry more, and then I'll cry more because she's crying, and...yeah. It'll get that bad.

But I don't mind.

Goodbye, Westminster. Thank you for the good and the bad, the large and the small, the smart and the stupid. It's been a good four years (three and a half) and I'd come back if I could afford you.

Finals Schedule

	Exam 1 8:00-10:30 am	Exam 2 11:30-2:00 pm	Exam 3 3:00-5:30 pm	Exam 4 6:30-9:00 pm
Wednesday May 12	12:50 pm MWF	3:10 pm MWF	2:00 pm TR	Mon/Wed Evening Classes
Thursday May 13	10:30 am MWF	9:20 am TR	3:40 pm TR	Tues/Thurs Evening and TBA
Friday May 14	9:20 am MWF	7:40 am TR	2:00 pm MWF	
Saturday May 15	8:10 am MWF	11:00 am TR	Make Up Sessions	

No Heart v. Bleeding Heart: Year in review

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Well boys and girls, it's been a long and exciting year here at the Holcad. You know, when Rich and I began this article back in September, we had one goal: to educate the college youth on the hot political issues of today. I would like to think that we've accomplished that goal, or at least given the political science majors something to bicker about. However, I too have learned a lot of things through this column over the past year, and I would like to share some of them with you in our last article. Hold back the tears, or you won't be able to read.

First, I've learned that the country is even more divided now than it was in 2000. If you can remember the last Presidential election, you'll recall that people were anti-Gore or anti-Bush, and not necessarily a strong advocate for either one. This year's election is proving to be even worse. Some people are so determined to remove Bush from office that they'll vote for anything the Democrats throw at them, even *dramatic pause* John Kerry. It's quite frightening.

I must admit, I would have never expected to see such hatred for Bush, despite opinions on the war in Iraq. This election is going to be closer than I first expected, but I still feel the right candidate will come out in the end. Get it? Right?

Second, I've learned that some people on this campus are indeed conservative and educated, not just the byproducts of their parents. Granted, this is a pretty slim bunch, but they do exist, much to my surprise. Some of these people are even *gasp* faculty and staff! Hurry, gather the pitchforks and have a witch hunt!

Many people have responded to my columns and said that they were glad to see their beliefs finally in print. Dear readers, I thank all 10 of you for your support. Do not fret; I'll keep up the good fight.

Third, I've learned that not all conservatives are my friends. For one, I do not worship the ground that Pat Robertson and Pat Buchanan walk on. In fact, they both really creep me out. A lot. Pat, Jesus doesn't speak through you, Viagra does.

> **I think this column has taught me more than a few of my IP courses.**

And finally, I've learned a lot about Rich. For one, he despises Ann Coulter. No, really. I have no clue how many times he has cited his absolute hatred for Ann Coulter in his articles; I think I lost count around 15. I've also learned that he has some conservative qualities, mostly due to his religious background and his common sense. In short, Rich is the one liberal that I can have a political debate with and not want to rip his head off by the end. Sadly, Rich is moving on to greener pastures (i.e., Drew's column), so I will have a new debate partner. I'll miss you Rich.

So that's what I've learned this year. Looking back, I think this column has taught me more than a few of my IP courses. Maybe they should make Holcad positions an alternative to some of these classes. Just a suggestion.

by Rich Marmura
Resident Liberal

Well its been a long and interesting year; here at Westminster and in the world of politics. After discussing possible topics for this week, Jess and I decided we should end the school year by discussing what we learned politically this year.

First off, one of the most important things I have learned is that if you tell the same lies enough times, some people will start to believe them. If we observe how many lies and distortions the Bush Administration has fed to the average American this year, we notice that there are still substantial amounts of people that believe the President. From lies about WMDs to "what we knew and when we knew it" to our policies in Iraq; it seems that the Bush Administration has simply told so many lies that they have either confused or convinced a large section Americans.

I have once again seen the double standard in terms of politics. Who remembers when the conservatives whined about "celebrities" and having no place in politics? Now think about the ultimate political coup and the man who came out victorious! Arnold Schwarzenegger is now the governor of California! The Terminator is helping to run one of the largest state economies in the nation (6th in the world). The star of "Kindergarten Cop" is forming energy policy in a state that just last year faced massive blackouts. The star of such crap-fests as "Jingle All the Way" and "Junior" is reforming education in a money starved state. Wow! What a system! Yet notice that the conservatives are no longer talking of "keeping celebrities in their places"...

I have learned that though many associate the conservative end of the spectrum with religious tendencies; it in reality is the liberals that have more in common with almost all religions. The liberals by in far are more in favor of aid to the poor (health care, food, housing, etc...), anti-war, pro-environment and tend to think "internationally"; which are all fairly biblical ideals. Still not convinced? Ask yourself "would Jesus endorse the pro-war candidate?".

Additionally this year, I have reconfirmed how much I loathe Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter. Plain and simple, I've learned to hate them even more.

I've also learned that not all liberals are my allies. Groups like the Earth Liberation Front (who promote environmental agendas by destroying cars and the property of others) may have good intentions, but all they do is help to give all liberals bad names.

I've learned that for all the complaining that is done about this campus being too conservative (ala last week's article), the liberal minority is far more outspoken and active than our conservative counterparts.

I've learned that as opposed to there being a linear political scale, there is more of a political loop or political mobius strip. I have come to find that as liberal as I am, I find that I surprisingly agree with people on the almost complete opposite side (ala the idea of a loop).

I have also learned that I am more conservative than I thought, while Jess is more liberal than she possibly realizes. Thus if anything, it seems that Jess and I have learned more from each other this year than merely how to bicker with each other.

Final Insert Angry Voice Here: Any Changes?

by Drew Huston
News Editor

This, my final Angry Article in my undergraduate career, will be about a number of things. First of all, I'm going to run down the list of things that I've been angry about regarding the campus, and see what (if any progress has been made). If none has been made, well, I'm still pretty angry about that. I'll just go in the order they were written. So, here we go:

1. The meal plan. There have been some changes regarding this - for instance, at the beginning of the year, we couldn't get a grilled chicken sandwich as a part of a meal. There have been small, progressive changes in the food service here on campus. They've even proposed a new meal plan for us. That's wonderful, except for the fact that the new plan will rip us off even more than the old one. There has been a little bit of change, but the big enchilada is the price, and I encourage anybody and everybody to keep fighting to make them have fair prices.

2. Visitation hours in the dorms. I must have been yelling at a wall about this one - nobody listened, or cared to listen to my argument that even though I'm a 21-year-old man, I can't have a girl in my room past midnight on any night save Friday or Saturday. I don't really understand the value of such a policy, other than it gets old, extremely traditional people to give us their money. Still, it doesn't seem fair to me.

3. Homecoming. If you recall (I know I didn't), I was angry about alumni being pushy and treating students like dirt when homecoming comes around. Well, that hasn't really changed, nor do I believe it ever will. All I guess I can suggest to you, students, is to stick up for yourselves, and don't take crap from anybody - especially on homecoming.

4. Computer labs. The cutbacks keep on coming, and that, I feel, is really a bad policy trend for the college to have. Computer labs are an invaluable tool for academic pursuits, and it frustrates me that they are becoming less and less available to the general student body, while our infotech bill stays the same or goes up. The students deserve their money's worth.

5. Living off-campus. This, too, was something that apparently I could argue until I was blue in the face about and get nowhere. The community argues that the college won't let people off campus, and the college argues that the community doesn't want us living among them. Either way, it stinks. A lot. Forcing us to live on campus could be handicapping the college (more people could enroll if we had available rooms), not to mention a student's independence.

6. Throwing Starburst jellybeans in the TUB. I think this article was effective, as I've never seen it done after my article came out. Furthermore, I had a good dialogue with one of the people who I saw playing around like that, and things (I guess) worked themselves out. I'm proud that people have grown up, at least a little bit, and I congratulate them for being the big people they are.

7. Prices at the bookstore. They still fleece us, people. Here's a finals hint - go to half.com and sell your books there. You'll probably get 25% or more higher than you would at the bookstore. Their prices are not good, plain and simple - get your books elsewhere if you possibly can, at least until their prices come down.

8. Inquiry. This article was about how people shouldn't complain about inquiry, because it really helps people to learn and to open their minds to different ideas and ways of thinking. I hope that by now, everybody on campus can see what I mean. If you do, please thank your Inquiry teacher - they really do care about us and our learning.

9. The College's recognition of national holidays. I'm still pretty angry about this, because I don't think that other holidays are getting a fair shot - Labor Day, President's Day, Veteran's Day... all of them feature scheduled classes. Why?

10. Fake people. There are still fake people. I've come to the conclusion that there will always be fake people, and that we just have to deal with them. Sometimes, that means yelling at them to their faces, and sometimes that means just ignoring them and continuing on with your own life. I've done both, and I'm sure you have, too.

11. The senior class gift. This is one of the things I am most proud of - they actually listened to me, and made some changes to get seniors to donate. I am now proud to say that I've donated part of my matriculation fee to the Political Science and Sociology Department, and I encourage any senior reading this to also contribute - they listened to us, and we can give the money to whomever we want. Why not give a little to those people you respect?

12. Celebrity Series. I haven't received an apology for the interruption of my class yet. Nor have I received my $20. I guess that means that Celebrity Series isn't sorry. Well, I've come to

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SPORTS

Titans capture men's and women's PAC trophy

Westminster College has captured the 2003-04 Presidents' Athletic Conference Men's & Women's All-Sports Trophies. The Titan men captured their second consecutive PAC Men's All-Sports Trophy title after finishing tied for the top spot with Grove City College, while the Lady Titans rolled to their first-ever PAC Women's All-Sports Trophy.

The PAC All-Sports Trophies are awarded annually to the schools which perform the best across the board in league competition. First-place finishes are worth six points, second-place finishes are worth five points...sixth-place finishes are worth one point. By combining the men's and women's scores, Westminster posted the best overall athletic department finish of any PAC school in 2003-04.

"The neat thing about winning the conference All-Sports trophy is that each and every one of over 400 Titan student-athletes and coaches played a part. It is an accomplishment they can all take pride in, and a testament to the Titan tradition of excellence," said Westminster Athletic Director Jim Dafler.

On the men's side, Westminster and Grove City each finished with 41 points, followed by Washington & Jefferson College (38 points), Thiel College (28), Waynesburg College (27) and Bethany College (23). The Titan men posted PAC championships in basketball and golf, as well as second-place league finishes in cross country, swimming and tennis, en route to their second straight PAC Men's All-Sports Trophy.

In women's action, the Lady Titans posted 43 points to easily outdistance Grove City (36 points), Bethany (29), Washington & Jefferson (27.5), Waynesburg (21.5) and Thiel (20). Westminster women captured PAC Championships in soccer, swimming and golf, and placed second in volleyball. Consistency was key for the Lady Titans, as no Westminster varsity women's team finished lower than third place. The win by the Westminster women snapped Grove City's three-year run with the PAC Women's All-Sports Trophy.

In combined scoring, Westminster finished with 84 points overall, ahead of Grove City (77 points), Washington & Jefferson (65.5), Bethany (52), Waynesburg (48.5) and Thiel (48).

Golf teams win PAC team championships

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Over the weekend, both the men's and women's golf teams captured the President's Athletic Conference team championships.

It is the second consecutive such title for the men's squad, while it was the first PAC crown for the women.

For the men, Washington & Jefferson's Bob Waters captured the individual crown, firing a two day total of 151.

For the women, Washington & Jefferson's Lynne Szarnicki led the way. She shot a 27-hole total of 125.

For the men, the Titans placed four golfers in the PAC top ten.

Junior Scott Voelker fired the low score for the Titan golfers. Voelker earned a second place finish and First-Team All-PAC laurels by firing a total of 153.

Voelker was followed by sophomore Matt Kurtz. Kurtz finished fifth with a score of 159. For his efforts, Kurtz also earned First-Team All-PAC honors.

Sophomore John Matune and freshman Robbie Jewell rounded out the number of Titans in the top ten. Matune finished sixth with a score of 160. A First-Team All-PAC performer last season, Matune earned a Second-Team nod for his efforts.

He was joined on the Second-Team by Jewell, who finished tied for eighth in the PAC tournament with a score of 162.

The Lady Titan linksters captured the team title with a margin of victory of 51 strokes.

Like the men, the Lady Titans also placed four golfers on All-PAC teams. And, like the men, the Lady Titans placed two team members on the First-Team and two on the Second-Team.

Freshman Sara Bonchosky and Kelly Spisak led the way for the Lady Titans. Bonchosky finished third with a score of 128, while Spisak finished fourth with a score of 133. Both earned First-Team All-PAC honors.

Sophomore Kayla Pursifull earned Second-Team All-PAC honors by finishing sixth with a score of 139.

She was joined on the PAC Second-Team by senior Rena Paroz, who placed ninth with a score of 143.

This spring marked a season of excellence for both Titan golf teams. Both squads, both collectively and individually, played well in nearly every tournament they played.

With many team members returning to action next season, the future appears bright for both the men's and women's Titan golf teams.

Recent Results

4/26 BB-Slippery Rock 12, Westminster 4
4/27 BB-Clarion 6-14, Westminster 5-8
SB-Westminster 3-4, P. S.-Altoona 1-2
4/28 SB-Westminster 2, Waynesburg 0#
4/29-30 MGF- PAC Championships
-1st of 5 teams
WGF- PAC Championships
-1st of 3 teams
4/30 BB-Westminster 15, Thiel 4#
4/30 SB-Westminster 2, Grove City 1#
5/1S B-Bethany 1, Westminster 0#
SB-Waynesburg 6, Westminster 1#
BB-Westminster 6-7, Thiel 4-6#

UPCOMING EVENTS
5/8TF-Volleyrock Invitational 11 a.m.
BB at Pitt-Bradford (2) 1 p.m.

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pus a battle of the bands.

I'll get back to the organization issue in awhile, but another issue that I would like to touch on, before I lose your interest, is the issue of people from outside campus coming to shows. Some of you may remember that our college used to book the Clarks every year for Mardi Gras. SGA stopped bringing them for two stated reasons; one, money and two, "people from outside campus causing a disturbance." It should be noted I'm telling you this not because I love the Clarks, I personally loathe the Clarks. I simply realize that bringing them to campus was a very positive thing because the students liked it.

This brings me to the issue of people from off campus coming to see shows. In the example of the Clarks, I can tell you from my personal eyewitness accounts that the majority people who caused the disturbances were from our campus, not from outside of the college. So, in my opinion that part of the issue is null and void.

As many of you know, a wide variety of other campuses bring large musical acts to campus and don't have many of the previously stated problems. Why is this? Part of the reason may be because Westminster doesn't have a large concert venue, but I personally think that both Orr and the gymnasium are both useable places. Allowing people from off campus to come, at an increased ticket rate of course, would also help boost the college's image within the younger generation. Being a PR major, I recognize the need to recruit new students and I personally think that offering tickets to these types of events could be a wonderful way to do this. If security will be an issue, simply hire people to do security for the show.

I would like to look at this year's Volleyrock as a specific example. First, I would like you to put everything else that you may know about me aside and imagine that I'm speaking from the standpoint of someone who is a PR major who has worked in the entertainment industry, who joined CPC with the intention of trying to bring better musical entertainment to campus, and when that option no longer seemed viable, joined SGA to try to bring about some real change.

The band that SGA booked this year was The Starting Line, and we are paying $12,000 for them to come to our campus. I'm an SGA senator and we were never approached about bringing this band to campus. I'm supposedly representing the student body at Westminster College and I was never asked whether we should spend $12,000 of your tuition money to bring this band to campus? I'm not saying anything negative about The Starting Line; I simply think that the way in which musical entertainment is booked at this campus should be seriously looked into.

Now, you may be sitting there asking yourself, "What the hell does this kid know about bringing bands to campus?" While I personally may know a considerable amount about the entertainment industry, any one of you can start by taking a quick look at http://www.concertideas.com/. I dare you to take a quick look at who we could bring for less than 12 grand, and that's just using one booking agency with no personal contacts utilized.

I won't sit here and name tons of names, but I will give you a couple of quick examples. For example, 30 Seconds to Mars could be booked for $5,000 - $7,500. This is a band that has had more radio play than the Starting Line and their lead singer is Jared Leto. If you haven't heard of Jared Leto, he has been in movies such as Fight Club and Requiem for a Dream, and I also happen to think that his band is pretty decent too.

If you want to look at hip-hop acts, an area that Westminster has never pulled from, we could get RZA from the Wu Tang Clan for about the same price at The Starting Line or Pharoahe Monche who is an amazing MC for $5,000 - $7,500.

For those of you who are into an artist a little out of the mainstream light who also happened to have played at the original Woodstock in 1969, folk singer Richie Havens can be booked for $3,500 - $4,000.

These are just some of the many examples of the entertainment that you could be seeing on our campus that, for all its faults, I've personally grown quite fond of.

My intent of this article is to encourage some real change. It is my charge to you, as underclassmen to change this major fault on campus and bring great entertainment to this college to make it that much better of a place to live and play.

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amazing," Allen said.

Overall the date auction brought in $1200.

"I was very pleased with the turn out and the outcome of the date auction, however I was hoping to get more faculty involved. I specifically held a Chinese auction for them. I know if more faculty would have come we could have easily raised another grand," Allen said.

The entire auction was a great success and Theta Chi plans to make the auction a tradition in the years to come. In the future the proceeds will go to further research in a cure for bone marrow cancer.

Another Fundraiser for Copper, organized by the IFC, called Dwight's Fight, in which every the Greek organizations asked each of its members to donate one dollar and then have members ask their friends to donate just one dollar. As a result, IFC was able to raise 800 dollars.

"It was a much needed but unexpected success and I am so thankful to the entire campus community in all their efforts to help, it was much appreciated," President of IFC Greg Smith said.

Just two weeks ago, another fundraiser that had the campus in an uproar was the Penny Wars during Greek Week. The proceeds from the Penny Wars went to Kelly Hartner, a staff member in Information Systems, and her infant daughter, Claire, who was born with Cystic Fibrosis.

Kelly Hartner explained that Cystic Fibrosis is a life threatening genetically inherited disease, which affects the way salt moves in and out of the body's cells. Both parents have to be Cystic Fibrosis carriers in order to have a child with Cystic Fibrosis. However, Cystic Fibrosis carriers show no symptoms of Cystic Fibrosis. Each child they have has a 1 in 4 chance of having Cystic Fibrosis.

"The diagnosis came as a complete shock to my husband and me. Neither of us had a history of Cystic Fibrosis on either side of our families," Hartner said. "There are times still that I find it totally unbelievable. To have a child diagnosed with a potentially fatal disease that has no cure is an absolutely helpless feeling. Even though she has been through a lot, Claire is one of the happiest babies I have ever seen. She is very noisy and inquisitive. She doesn't want to miss a thing. I sincerely believe that she was given to us as a gift. She is very special and she touches everyone's lives that meet her."

The Penny War was an added Greek week challenge for all fraternities and sororities just like all the other events, however it racked up a lot more points than most events. The Penny Wars were an event put together by Pan-Hellenic Council this year, which included Greek Week chairs Josh Flaim, Emily Stanton, Tricia Burich and Edward DeRose. When they thought of the idea they had no clue as to how it would turn out, and never expected it to end the way it did.

Each fraternity and sorority had their own can, in which any student or faculty could place money in. The more pennies that filled the can, the more points each organization received. However, if there was higher currency placed in a can, the organization received that amount in the negative. For example, if someone placed ten pennies into a can, ten minutes later, someone else could place a dime in the can and as a result cancel out the ten pennies that were previously placed in the can.

As a result, the Penny Wars "broke out into a craze", said Dean of students Camille Hawthorne.

The challenge did indeed become a war amongst some organizations. Students were placing five, ten, and 20 dollar bills in certain cans. Other students were writing out checks.

"Sky Bank said they ran out of pennies," Hawthorne said. "I really think the whole school just got caught up in the Penny War frenzy. But it was a good frenzy to be caught up in."

The war lasted until Friday at 12:00 pm. And overall the students were able to raise $1800 for the Hartner family.

"The amount of money we raised was much more than expected," Josh Flaim said. "When I went to tell Camille how much we raised, I was in disbelief myself, and by the look on her face I can imagine that she was, too."

"The Westminster communities, especially the Greeks have overwhelmed us with their generosity and caring," said Hartner. "In all honesty, the money means a lot because we want a cure for Claire, but the thoughtfulness and genuine concern mean much more to us."

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of the Student Government Association, sponsored Fall Fest, and started the "Toilet Paper," and the "Time of the Month." As Atkins moves on, she will surely remember the impact she has helped to make.

Matt Boccardi, who is a history major and a speech communications minor, also plans to stay in the area after graduation. He will be attending law school at Duquesne University in the fall. Like Atkins, Boccardi also has many memories of his time here. His favorite memory is the entirety of his freshman year. Boccardi feels that his experiences at Westminster have taught him a great deal.

"The biggest thing that I have learned besides academics, is that if you want to change something and you have enough support behind you, you can do it," Boccardi said.

Boccardi also looks up to the professors. He has come to realize that the college employs faculty who care deeply about their students and want to teach. Boccardi's advise to underclassmen: "enjoy your time here because it goes a lot quicker than you think."

With a major in Sociology and a concentration in Criminal Justice, Melanie Piddington will also be graduating on the 22. Piddington, originally from Sharon, will not be going very far after graduation. She plans to continue her education here at Westminster in the graduate program for Counselor Education.

Her time here was well spent in many organizations including Fresh Start, Lambda Sigma, Student Alumni Association, and Senior Class Gift Committee. She also held many important offices throughout the years including president and executive vice- president of Sigma Kappa Sorority, president of Student Westminster Admissions Team, and Greek Week Junior and Senior Coordinator.

Piddington's best memories stem from meeting her best friend, Ashley Mondale during Fresh Start. She hopes that everyone would be lucky enough to experience the kind of wonderful friendships that she has been fortunate enough to build during her time here.

Piddington's advise to underclassmen: "Make the most of your four years here at Westminster," Piddington said, "These years are the best years of your life, so go out, meet people and get involved."

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expect that. They will continue to one-up students in the foreseeable future, unless we keep at it, and keep pressure on them - pressure them to stop treating us like we don't matter. This is our college, not the college of a bunch of old people coming to see Hal Holbrook (as, embarrassingly enough, my parents did). We deserve better treatment than that dished out by Celebrity Series.

Finally, I'm angry about the fact that this column even exists - why did there need to be an angry column? Why did I need to start lighting some fires under the rear ends of people on this campus? First off, there are very visible problems that could be fixed on this campus, and I really hope that people will continue to argue about them, to complain about them, and to change them if they can. Secondly, this campus has become a lot less apathetic this year, which gives me a lot of hope. You care a lot more than people did my freshman year, and this is a wonderful thing - keep it up.

I want to thank everybody for reading my rants and my anger, and I hope that you've enjoyed me complaining about so much, be it inane or not. I've certainly enjoyed the notoriety it's gotten me, and I've enjoyed the fact that people are actually paying attention to issues on this campus. It's anger like ours that can change the world.

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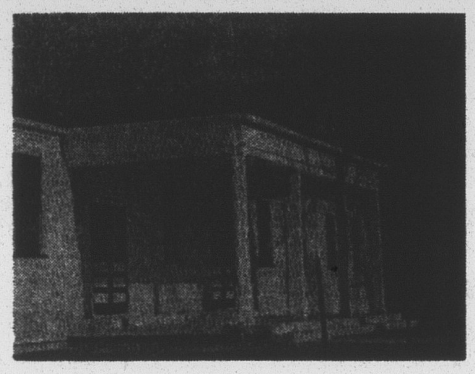

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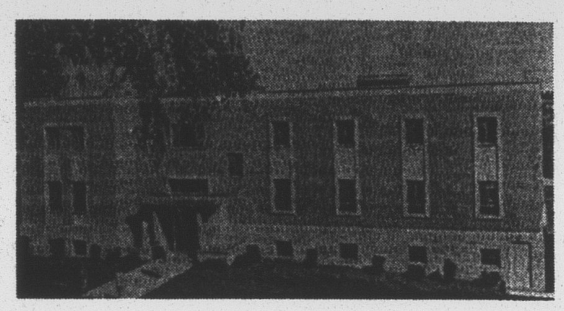

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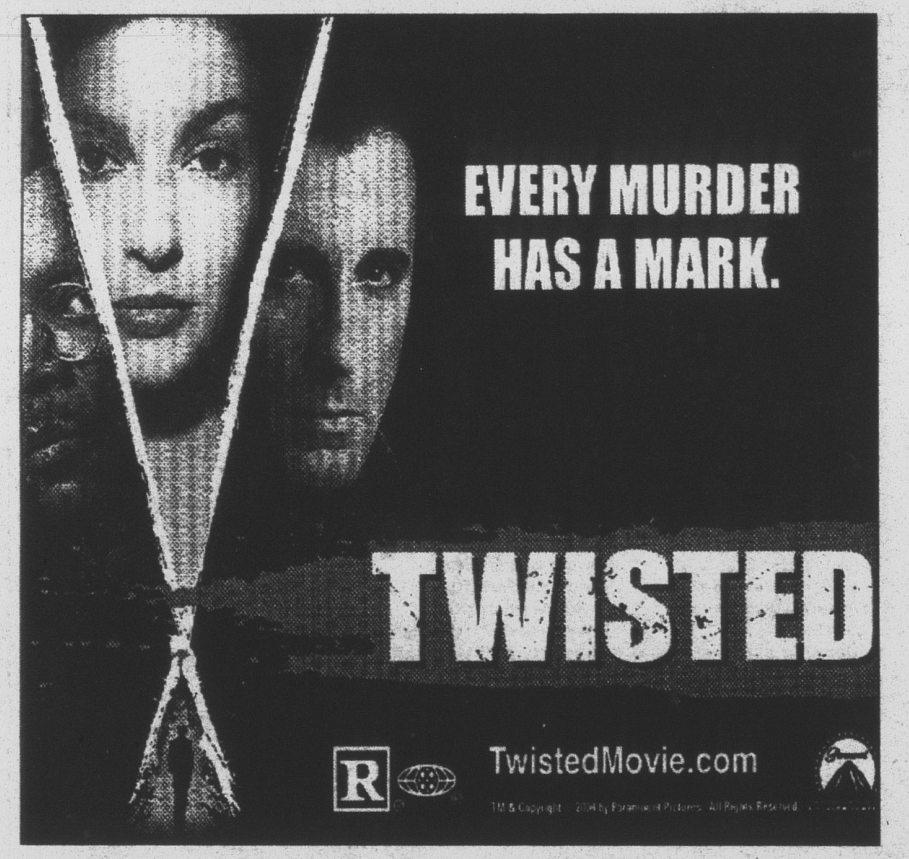

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Friday

Martial Arts Demonstration

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Quad
(Rain Location: Berlin Lounge)

Volleyrock shirt pick up until 11:00 p.m. in
MCC Room 255

Volleyrock Schedule

for Saturday May 8:

8:30a.m.	Team Rules
9:00a.m.	Tournament Begins
12-12:30 p.m.	Water Balloon Toss
1-1:30 p.m.	Watermelon Eating Contest
1-3:00 p.m.	Gladiator Joust
2-2:30 p.m.	Hula Hoop Contest
4-6:00 p.m.	Quaker Steak and Lube Wings
8 p.m.	The Starting Line concert

** You MUST bring your Titan card for wings. A meal will not be deducted from your plan; this is just to verify that you are a student. **

Saturday

Jazz Band concert

8 p.m. in Berlin Lounge

Monday

Line Dancing

7 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the Club Room

Club Room Finals Schedule

Open Tuesday - Friday
from 9 p.m. until Midnight

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Sheetz causes local stir

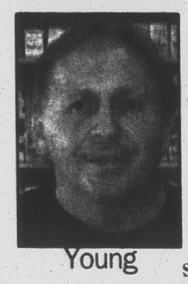
Photo by Johnny Johnston

A sign announcing the arrival of Sheetz sits across the street from Young's Deli, a staple of the community for the past 21 years.

By Sandra Edmiston
Staff Writer

A new sign is located on the left side of the intersection of Route 18 and Mitchell Road. While the sign is small, the implications of it have created a stir of controversy in Lawrence County.

Why? The sign announces the arrival of a new Sheetz gas station/service station/convenience store. This new complex will be built directly across from Young's Deli, a locally-owned gas station that has been in business for 21 years.



Young

Fred Young, owner of Young's Deli, contested the Neshannock Township zoning hearing board's decision to grant permission to Sheetz to build at the site earlier this summer. Young claims that Sheetz applied for permission to build as a service station, not as a convenience store and fast food restaurant, but that they will be going in as all three.

According to Young, when he made the decision to sell gas at his convenience store, he was told that there could be one use on any adjacent street. Any new gas stations/convenience stores would have to be of equal or lesser size.

"Sheetz is not of equal or lesser size," says Young. "It's not that I'm afraid of competition. I just can't compete with someone who is giving their product away."

Young believes that Sheetz participates in what he calls

See **SHEETZ,** *page A-4*

1st year students take over campus

By Matthew Snyder
Senior Staff Writer

This fall, the college accepted a larger-than-usual class of 385 freshmen students, leading to a housing crunch, according to Dean of Admissions Douglas Swartz.

Swartz said that the class accepted this year is purposefully larger than the recent freshman classes that have brought in about 350 students. Additionally, this year brought in about ten more transfer students than usual, bringing the total number of transfer students to 34.

"We planned to have a slightly larger class this year because of somewhat smaller incoming classes the past two years and a relatively large graduating class last spring," Swartz said.

One important reason for the influx of freshmen is financial. More students, Swartz explained, helps the college's bottom line, so that it can fully fund student programs and apply renovations to the residence halls.

Students have so far felt the effects of the increase of on-campus residents in two ways: the conversion of old study spaces into new dorm rooms, and the increased number of students who were permitted or even asked by the school to live off campus.

Associate Dean Molly Mistretta said that the reasons for room-conversion and the off-campus living push have been a result of not only the increased class size, but also a decline in the number of commuters.

Both Hillside and Shaw women's dorms have converted rooms that used to be study lounges into dormitory rooms for some of the incoming students, Mistretta said. She explained that the room in Hillside used to be a dorm room that had been converted back to living space for this year's freshmen, whereas the room in Shaw has been used for overflow before.

The converted rooms, Mistretta feels, are up to par with other dorm rooms. She cited that each has the appropriate number of ports and phone connections, that feedback about the rooms from students housed there has been good, and that the rooms also possess "perks" such as new furniture

See **FIRST YEAR,** *page A-4*

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Fresh Start groups gather

New students convene in front of McGill Library to get to know each other and prepare for the next four years at Westminster. First-year students arrived on Friday, Aug. 27 for the four day orientation program. See full story on page A-4.

Students redefine summer vacation with travel experiences

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

Living on nuts and granola bars is not a surprising diet here at Westminster, but one student adopted this habit during her summer vacation.

Senior environmental science major Felicie Reid used this diet as a way to save money on the first few days her and two friends backpacked through Western Europe. The trip this summer lasted nine weeks. "We didn't make it to Spain, but… next time," she says optimistically.

When the girls were not staying with friends and family, they spent the night at hostiles or sleeping on the restaurant floor of a Ferry boat.

Reid says she's glad to be home, but the transition to campus was more difficult than usual. "Now I'm here without a car – I want to travel like I did all summer long!" Reid's favorite part of the trip was the four days she spent in Greece.

Reid, who speaks German and French fluently, has a wall filled with photos from her trip. One shows her holding a huge beer mug in Munich, Germany. Reid says her father, who had a similar backpack trip in Europe years ago, had a drink at the very same place.

Contributed photo

Senior history major Willis Bretz stands infront of his summer project - documenting restoration of the space shuttle Enterprise at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museun in D.C.

Senior history major Willis Bretz spent his summer interning at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum outside of Washington D.C. In the near three months that he spent there, Bretz worked with his supervisor taking many pictures. His main project was documenting restoration work of the space shuttle Enterprise.

Bretz says he learned a lot about N.A.S.A. during his internship, and even got to meet the first Captain of the S. S. Enterprise, General Joe Engle. Working at the Smithsonian helped him decide on his future pursuits.

"I definitely know after my internship that I want to go into photography." With pictures he's taken on the Smithsonian database, it could lead to a career take-off.

While many college students spend spring break in Cancun, senior broadcast communications major Amy DalBon had the chance to see a completely different part of Mexico during a mission trip this summer. DalBon and the rest of the "Taspestries for Life" group visited the small town of Anapras, Mexico in May.

DalBon remembers meeting a young boy begging for money at a grocery store. Her leader tells her this is common in the cities in Mexico, and that many young people are homeless and alone. "At the age of ten I could hardly take care of myself…I depended on my parents. I can't begin to fathom what it would be like to not know where your next meal was coming from."

DalBon describes the dusty, sandy roads of the town – lined with few wooden houses, a number of cardboard houses and even a family of seven living in a broken-down school bus.

"Children and parents alike had dirt caked onto their faces and hands. Many wore no shoes on their feet."

These senior college students challenged themselves on a new level during summer "vacation." All say they are only left wanting more. Reid expressed an idea similar to this quote by Ralph W. Sockman: "The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder." With ambitions such as this, more interesting summer vacations are sure to abound for Westminster students.

Opinion

Rant & Rave

Student teaching rocks my socks

Amish Paradise is dead! Long live WTF!

What is better about a meal plan that costs more for less food?

The "new and better" meal plan isn't new or better.

To all you freshman, remember I'm a 5th year!

I love how my campus mailbox still has fruit punch splashed on it from last year.

I'm so glad the Help Desk can't help students.

This bread tastes like a dentist office.

What's up with all these people who graduated visiting on our first weekend back?

TitanNet... Need I say more?

As long as you use your flashers, parking in handicap spots is okay!

Living off campus is so much better than living on campus.

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the creek.

I will create a Customer and I will call it "Bob."

Technology haunts me

Props to the new cafeteria!

My car got washed away.

Our View: Computer Challenged

TitanNet. A system that is strangely familiar to another less than catchy system in history. What was the name of that again? Oh that's right. Communism.

You've sat in circles sharing warm and fuzzy feelings and playing "getting to know you" games in the quad. You've climbed through obstacle courses and reenacted your worst elementary gym class nightmares in Titan Traverse. You even read a book during the summer. But do you really know what Westminster College is all about?

Let your brand new friends at The Holcad take you on the tour you never got in Fresh Start. So sharpen your pencils and start taking down notes in your overpriced Westminster planners. You will thank us later.

Let's start this week with a topic near and dear to our Editor-in-Chief's heart: TitanNet.

Now, we might not be technology experts here at The Holcad, but there is one thing we do know for sure. When you plug in your computer, it should work. It is one of those widely understood theories that applies to all electronic appliances from toasters to curling irons.

If we plug our computers in at home, they turn on. If we plug our computers into an outlet in Uzbekistan, they turn on. Heck, if we plug our computers in at a dorm in Grove City College, they turn on. But, for some reason that not even the Help Desk understands, if we plug our computers in at a Westminster dorm, they do not turn on.

In comes TitanNet. A system that is strangely familiar to another less than catchy system in history. What was the name of that again? Oh that's right. Communism. None of us are allowed to fully enjoy the luxuries of our computers, because all of us are given the same lousy Internet connections, unless you were blessed with Windows Millenium Edition. Then, you still have to pay for the system, but it's only a one out of three chance you will receive the same lousy connection as everyone else.

Now something just does not seem right about this. Call it the bitterness of dealing with TitanNet for four years, but you would think that if you were being forced to use a computer system for which you did not even ask, all of the bugs would be worked out by the start of the fall semester.

If TitanNet does not work for you, instead of helping you out of the generosity of their own hearts, they will instead charge you more money for gracing you with their assistance! Or they will just turn your computer off. How is that fair? That would be like buying your friend a really horrible Christmas present that does not work and then asking that your friend to pay you to fix it. Or you'll take it away from them. How thoughtful. And the people at TitanNet obviously know that their system is not overly college student friendly, otherwise they would not offer paid installation services up front.

All we ask here at the Holcad is that when we plug our computers in at the beginning of the semester, that our computers work. No extra installation charges, troubleshooting or sacrificial offerings for the secret passcode included. Then we will pay $16 with no complaints.

The Holcad pauses to remember its rich heritage

The Holcad was founded in 1884, nearly 32 years after the birth of the college, and like most early newspapers, it was born out of necessity. When other clubs, organizations and sports teams were being formed in 1884, the campus community needed a courier of its news. We've been here ever since those early days.

For 120 years, this student-run weekly has been covering the events on and around Westminster, publishing the news and views of all segments of the campus community and its alumni.

The Holcad's mission is two-fold.

First, to keep the campus community informed of current events through timely and accurate reporting and advertising, to stimulate thought and debate through a strong editorial page which serves as a marketplace of ideas, and to be a respected campus citizen. While we understand the role of a newspaper at a private institution such as Westminster, we nonetheless stand our ground on the rights of the First Amendment concerning freedom of thought and expression of student editors and reporters.

But secondly, and just as importantly, The Holcad serves as a multi-facted training ground for the students, primarily those majoring in the writing and public relations disciplines. When we say The Holcad is student-run, we mean it. In the last several years, members of its staff have guided it from a paper, ink and glue operation to a completely computerized, digital workplace.

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here's the rules.

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters must be submitted to the Holcad office by 12 p.m. Monday to make the Friday issue.

All letters must be limited to 400 words, typed and include the author's name and a phone number for confirmation.

Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks and libelous or potentially libelous statements. The Holcad reserves the right to reject any letter.

No letter will be edited when factually incorrect or in need of contextual clarification. Rather, an editor's note will be included. Grammar and spelling errors will also not be corrected. Opinions expressed are those of the author.

E-mail letter to: holcad@westminster.edu.

You've come a long way, Holcad:

Change in format from tabloid to broadsheet leads to trip down memory lane

by Jim Raykie
Faculty Adviser

Today's edition of The Holcad culminates the many hours of labor and late nights of fighting deadline by the various Westminster students who have given their time and talent to the staff for the last eight years.

Not only is today's edition a major change in appearance – from a tabloid-sized format to broadsheet – but it marks the end of a multi-year transition that converted the newspaper from working with glue pots, blue pencils and hand-delivered page pasteups to a fully digitized operation.

It has been my personal thrill to watch students at The Holcad eagerly embrace the changes in work flow and operations that have been required. But they have done more than embrace new processes. They successfully have carried them out.

The entrance to The Holcad editor's office, like other campus publications, is truly a revolving door. The faces change, for the most part, every September. But whether it has been Kelly Williams, Laura Butchy, Katie Brentzel, Meghan Duda, Heidi Krieger, Andi Majot, Josh Storey or Megan Sigler in the role of the gatekeeper throughout the years, they superbly have guided their staffs through the seas of change, and won college journalism awards along the way.

Sigler, who will be the editor for the 2004-05 school year, has been one of the leading advocates for improvements at The Holcad. I remember her asking two years ago, when she was a copy editor, if we could change the newspaper from a tabloid to a broadsheet.

"We want The Holcad to look like a real newspaper," she said with the eagerness that has transcended the annual staff turnovers. Then, it was technologically impossible. Today, it has become a reality, and by no coincidence, under her leadership.

The change to the new format with upgraded content creates new hurdles. Laying out and designing a broadsheet poses a far greater challenge than working with small pages that the tabloid format provides.

"The broadsheet format is a completely new experience for the staff, which will make the first few issues a challenge," Sigler said. "But we have just the talent and enthusiasm on board to do the job." Sigler added that she's excited about the change because it will allow the staff more creative freedom for layout, design and photography.

The switch to West Penn Printing in New Castle, which prints The Herald of Sharon and the New Castle News, has enabled the placing of the final pieces of the puzzle. The Record Argus in Greenville ably printed The Holcad for the last several years. When pasteups were finished, a member of the staff drove them to Greenville, in rain, sleet or snow, and picked up the finished newspapers several hours later around midnight.

In cooperation with West Penn Printing and The Herald this year, our students won't have to leave their office at McKelvey Student Center. Completed pages will be shipped electronically to The Herald at 9:30 p.m. Thursday and transferred to West Penn via T1 phone lines. There, technology will provide press plates without having to burn negatives, and after the papers are printed in the middle of the night, they'll be delivered to McKelvey for distribution by The Holcad staff on Friday mornings.

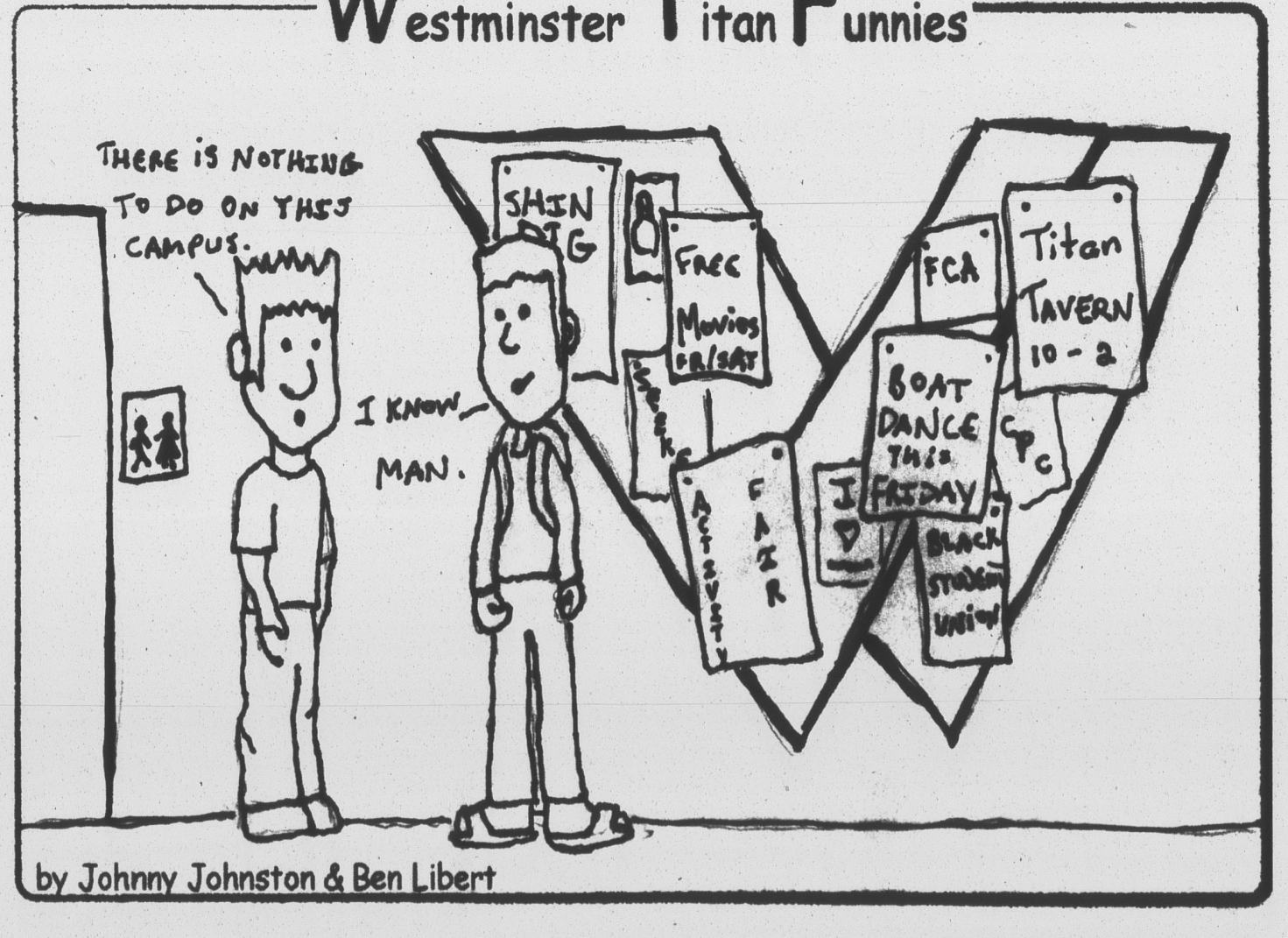
"These advances in technology should greatly enhance the quality of our newspaper for the campus community, from simple black-and-white text to color photography," Sigler added. Staff-generated stories, the heart and soul of any campus newspaper, will be supplemented by the Associated Press and Copley News Service, major additions to The Holcad operation.

In addition to the campus community in general, I hope that all of the staffers of the past enjoy the change in their newspaper because they have been such a big part of it.

Today's redesigned campus weekly, founded in 1884 some 32 years after the birth of the college, is a direct result of the combination of their creativity, their talents, and their devotion to journalism.

For the last eight years of that wonderful Holcad legacy, I've simply enjoyed being along for the ride.

Westminster Titan Funnies



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Outside the Bubble

REGIONAL

Predictive technology meets fast-food nation

By Charles Sheehan
AP Business Writer

PITTSBURGH - Do you want fries with that? Never mind; we already know.

A Pittsburgh startup, HyperActive Technologies Inc., is testing technology at area fast-food restaurants designed to give kitchen workers a good indication of what customers want before the hungry souls even get close enough to place an order.

The system, known as "HyperActive Bob," is in place in several restaurants around Pittsburgh in a primitive form: It tells employees when they are about to get busy, even how much food to put on the grill.

The system uses rooftop cameras that monitor traffic entering a restaurant's parking lot and drive-thru. Currently, the system is all about volume: If a minivan pulls in, there's apt to be more than one mouth to feed.

By this time next year, HyperActive Technologies expects to have in place software that keys on the type of vehicle entering the parking lot to determine whether the customers they bear are inclined to order, say, a burger over a chicken sandwich.

As it is, the currently installed technology - the predictive system - is only running simulations for now _ has wowed some seasoned veterans.

"I've been a manager for 28 years," said Pat Currie, a manager at a McDonald's in Chippewa Township. "It's the most impressive thing I've ever seen."

It was installed at Currie's restaurant two years ago. Since then, waste has been cut in half and wait times at the drive-thru have been reduced by 25 to 40 seconds per consumer, Currie said, an eternity in the fast-food industry.

Profit margins for fast-food franchisees are built and busted in seconds. Store managers must calculate demand and make their best guess as to how long that window of demand will last.

If they underestimate either, the lines begin to form and it's too late- it's no longer fast food. If a manager overestimates, profits head for the trash along with food that has a very short shelf life.

It's not enough to know that your restaurant sells 120 burgers during the lunch hour on week days. Managers must know during which 20 minutes the kitchen will go into high gear during that hour and it's always a shifting target, Currie said.

The fast-food environment could be the perfect environment for recognition software because the limited menu increases the odds of predicting correctly, said Kerien Fitzpatrick, president of HyperActive.

"Let's say we know that there's a Big Mac promotion and we know that if there are five cars in the drive-thru through in six minutes. We know that there is a 100 percent likelihood, based on collected data, that someone will order a Big Mac within the next three minutes," he said. "Each location is different and those decisions are partly based on whether there are minivans or cars, or pickup trucks, what has happened in the past, and what is going on in real time."

HyperActive Bob has a memory that bases future predictions on what it has learned at a particular restaurant, but it remains to be seen if the technology can be used in mass scale, Fitzpatrick said.

Officials at McDonald's headquarters outside Chicago said franchisees have wide latitude in how to run restaurants, and said there are no plans as of yet to use HyperActive Bob on a larger scale.

"These are entrepreneurs who are always looking for ways to maximize efficiencies and they are very creative," said spokesman Bill Whitman. "Our franchisees have begun initiatives to run all of our restaurants better and changed the menu with things like the Big Mac and the Filet-O-Fish."

The time it requires to train new hires has been reduced from three months to just over a week when using the system, Currie said.

"You can imagine the stress it takes off my people in the kitchen," he said. "I've got five people in there cooking all these different products and they're all yelling, 'I need this.' 'I'm down to two of these.' A lot of that is gone."

NATIONAL

Congressional analysts foresee record $422 billion deficit this year

By Alan Fram
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The federal deficit will swell to a record $422 billion this election year but fall short of even more dire forecasts, Congress' top budget analysts projected Tuesday in a report that became instant fodder for both political parties.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the shortfall would shrink to $348 billion next year- still the third worst ever in dollar terms. Last year's $375 billion gap was the previous record.

The projections reverberated on the campaign trail, where Democrats immediately criticized President Bush for what will be the fourth consecutive year in which the budget's bottom line has worsened. They linked the figure to the 900,000 net job loss since Bush took office and the recent announcement that Medicare's premiums will rise by 17 percent next year.

"W. stands for wrong, the wrong direction for America," said Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, invoking Bush's middle initial.

A $422 billion deficit would be the biggest dollar amount in history, though the shortfalls of World War II were larger when the figures are adjusted to even out the impact of inflation.

"This is absolutely an unsustainable course for the country," said Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the Senate Budget Committee' top Democrat.

But Republicans noted that the forecast was better than the $477 billion deficit congressional analysts predicted in March and the $445 billion gap the White House expected in July. Coupled with other recent data, they said, the new numbers were evidence of an improving economy.

The improvement is "a sign of the economic growth that is a result of President Bush's leadership on tax relief," said Tim Adams, policy director for the Bush campaign.

Such a deficit would equal 3.6 percent of the U.S. economy, well below the 6 percent peak reached under President Reagan. Many economists consider that ratio to be the most important measure of the deficit's economic impact.

"Our policies are working to create a stronger economy, more jobs and a lower deficit," said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

The $422 billion deficit forecast should prove largely accurate because the government's budget year has less than four weeks left, running through Sept. 30. It does not include money Bush wants to help Florida recover from recent hurricanes- $2 billion he requested Monday and another proposal expected soon.

The government is expected to spend nearly $2.3 trillion this year, which means it will borrow about one of every five dollars it spends.

The congressional report envisions shortfalls gradually easing to $65 billion by 2014 for a 10-year total of nearly $2.3 trillion. But the analysts noted that their forecast, meant as a neutral measuring stick, assumed no changes in taxes or spending for the next decade.

That left them ignoring expensive steps that would worsen deficits. The report said preventing Bush's tax cuts from expiring _ as Bush has asked Congress to do _ would add $2.2 trillion to the shortfalls through 2014, including the government's added borrowing costs. Easing the alternative minimum tax's impact on middle-income earners would cost another $435 billion.

On the other hand, the budget office - as legally required - assumed that extra money provided last year for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan would be repeated annually throughout the decade. That accounted for more than $1.4 trillion in red ink over the period, including interest, the report said.

Though the budget office forecast slightly slower economic expansion than it did early this year, it said it still expects healthy growth and job creation because the economy is in "a phase of investment-led growth."

But it also warned that the budget's long-term health remained threatened by the looming retirement of the baby boom generation, which will draw heavily on Social Security and other programs.

OTHER CAMPUSES

Security checks play large role for foreign students

By Paul Weinstein
Penn State Daily Collegian

Although international security measures have increased following Sept. 11, making the process more difficult, the United States has not closed its doors to students coming from abroad.

While the process that a student must go through to obtain international status remains straightforward, extensive background checks have become more common and thorough.

Masume Assaf, associate director of the Office of International Students and Scholars, said a foreign student who wishes to obtain a visa to study at Penn State begins by applying to the school just like any U.S. citizen.

Once it accepts the student, the school then determines if that student has enough money to cover tuition and living expenses.

The OISS would then issue a certificate of immigration Form I-20 or DS-2019 to that student, who must then provide that form, a passport, financial information and proof of admission to the school to a U.S. consulate. At that point, the student is evaluated for a visa that will allow him or her to study at the school.

The visa process itself, however, can be the longest and most problematic for international students; the process has become especially thorough in the post-Sept. 11 world. International Student Council President Raya Guruswamy said he has noticed an increase in visa security.

"Part of the definition in this category is that you're supposed to be a student with the intent to leave the United States after studying. Sometimes an officer will not believe that."
International Student Adviser Gilbert Friedman said. "

"They are much tighter. Sometimes, it can be a put-off, but you know you have to get it done. You understand where they're coming from, though," said Guruswamy, a native of India who grew up in Nigeria. "You have to be determined. I think visa denials are more common just because they're so much stricter."

Assaf said after the student fills out three "lengthy" applications, the consulate will check his or her validity and confirm the student's identity. His or her name is then sent through a database that checks for any criminal or terrorist history, or any arrest in general. If the name shows up, the consulate is required to perform more checks.

Other security checks concern the student's major and country of origin. The academic advisers said some majors, including nuclear engineering and landscape architecture, are more sensitive because of the potential for security risks in the information studied.

And coming from particular countries, such as those on the state-sponsored terrorist list — Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan and Libya — might also present a risk that could slow down the process. But it does not mean that students from those areas cannot apply.

"Not only do we have people apply from those countries, they're getting visas and coming," Assaf said. "Penn State accepts students because of their academic qualities, not where they live."

There is also a requirement that international students prove a genuine intent to return home once they are finished. If a student has several relatives living in the United States, for example, he or she might have no reason to want to leave, Assaf said. For this, or any other reason, a consulate officer can deny admission.

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Assaf said she thinks the difficulty of the visa process might keep some students from pursuing international education, and the increased security that comes along with it is a direct result of Sept. 11. But Guruswamy said students could overcome the problem with persistence.

"What it does do is make life a little more difficult," he said.

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Campus News

Class of '08 off to fresh start

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

The Class of 2008 arrived on campus Friday, August 27 for the traditional inauguration program known as Fresh Start. The process lasted for four days and included various social and informational events.

The program is designed to get new students acquainted with campus life through a variety of team building games, leadership building activities and meetings about important locations. The main goal was to get the incoming students past the difficult period of adjustment that occurs during the first year of life away from home. The freshmen were divided into groups upon their arrival to make the activities easier to manage.

"I thought it was very helpful," freshman Dan LoVerde said. "They explained the campus and what there is to do on the weekends."

Included in the Fresh Start program are meetings about living on campus. These meetings cover STDs, the learning center, TitanNet and alcohol. While the meetings were designed to be helpful, many incoming students found them to be a bit lengthy and drawn out.

"I think most of that information could have been on a handout or something that we could have read before," freshman Ryan Shafer said.

Also during the weekend, the students had several academic meetings, including a book discussion.

The book for this year is "The Life of Pi" by Yann Martel as opposed to last year's "Ishmael." "The Life of Pi" features the tale of a young boy who is stranded on a lifeboat with a tiger.

"It wasn't too shabby," freshman Jason Perry said.

During the nights the students were kept busy with several social events such as movies, the Titan's Tavern, and the popular "Late Night." The Fresh Start leaders starred in several comedy skits.

The skits included the "Westminster March," "Saturday Night Live" skits, and a rendition of "Saved by the Bell." The event was a hit with students.

"It was all very creative and entertaining at the same time," freshman Paul Papso said.

With Fresh Start now over and classes beginning once again, The Class of 2008 is now officially a part of life at the campus.

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

These Shaw residents were placed in one of the building's study lounges due to the influx of this year's incoming class.

First year

First year students take over the campus

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or carpeting when otherwise there would be none.

Some students may regret losing their study space. Mistretta, though, insisted the current plan balances the needs of the community, noting that other schools when faced with a housing crunch have squeezed three occupants into a two-person room. "Given the other options," she said, "it's the least painful one."

Freshman Summer Simmes lives in the converted study lounge in Shaw, which is a triple, with two other roommates. "This is my ideal room," Simmes said. "I really like it. I think the other rooms are too small."

Junior Janis Butcher, on the other hand, is less enthusiastic. "I am a little bit upset that they overextended us," she said, "that they overbooked the number of freshmen so they had to convert the rooms."

The student center is still available for studying, and residence hall lobbies remain open all night. However, the lobbies may not generate the same quiet or privacy, and the student center closes at 2 a.m. Students seeking study space may have more trouble finding a free lounge this year, though not all lounges have been converted.

Mistretta said that under normal circumstances, about 35 upperclassmen are accepted from the special lottery to live off campus. Because some of the paperwork concerning students and commuters arrived especially late, however, housing concerns were not apparent to the college until well into the summer.

Mistretta points to a national trend for incoming students to ignore or be tardy with important housing paperwork, making it difficult to anticipate or make housing plans. "The admissions process and housing is not as scientific as it ought to be because there are so many variables," Mistretta said.

Butcher, though, still feels the college sent out its off-campus offer far too late. "I understand that [the admissions process] is a problem, but people need more time than just a month to find an apartment."

Junior Sara Caveglia originally planned on living in the education hall in Galbreath with her roommate. They chose to seek off-campus housing at the last minute when Mistretta emailed upperclassmen about the housing situation.

"It was something my roommate and I wanted to do," Caveglia said. "When the opportunity came, we hurried and took advantage of it."

Mistretta said that any new off-campus living policies will be taken on a year-by-year basis. "If we pull in a freshman class as significant as this one," she said, "then we'll probably bump the lottery."

The college has also been considering other means of alleviating the housing squeeze. The college has recently begun discussing the logistics of building apartment-style housing on campus, according to Mistretta.

The specifics Mistretta has discussed with other administrators include where best to lay foundations, where it would be easiest to hook up with existing utilities, and where there is enough space to include adequate parking.

The college may still be several years, if not further, from executing these plans because, as Mistretta explains it, the college is waiting on a number of appropriate circumstances such as positive enrollment and financial feasibility.

Swartz said that though he had not yet received any class section reports, he did not expect the influx of freshman to increase class sizes by any more than a possible two or three.

"The more common method of dealing with the increased number of students," Swartz said, "has been to add class sections rather than increase the number in each section."

Mistretta also hopes to improve the housing process through adjustments of the lottery or educating students about the application process. "I'm really hopeful we won't have to continue to put students in study lounges," she said.

Sheetz

Proposed store causes local stir

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"predatory pricing." He feels larger companies can and will sell gas at a loss until they have driven out all the competition. Those larger companies then control the market alone, because they have no one to compete with.

"Competition is what made us," Young said about America. "Predatory pricing is ruining the country."

Lawrence County Planning Director Jim Gagliano, Jr., has also raised questions about Neshannock Township's plan.

"I think for the most part [the planning committee's] concern focuses basically on traffic impact," says Gagliano. "That intersection is one of the primary congested intersections in the county."

Gagliano further comments, "The use itself is not an issue, the location is not an issue other than the impact it will have on that intersection. We've suggested a traffic impact analysis be prepared."

Westminster students have a variety of opinions on the subject.

"One of the draws of coming to Westminster is the small town and supporting small town businesses," senior Beth Grubbs says about the controversy. "I would rather go to something local."

Junior Kaylan Lehotsky feels passionately enough on the subject that she wrote in to the New Castle News after reading their article about the possible new Sheetz.

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"I feel that Sheetz will be very beneficial to the Neshannock area," Lehotsky wrote, citing the creation of new jobs, late hours and close proximity to Westminster.

A courtroom will decide in October on the legitimacy of Sheetz's claim to build at the corner of 18 and Mitchell Road.

Young will continue to be vocal about his frustrations with the possibility of the new business.

"The only thing is we've been there for twenty-one years and we've always been prided in the fact that we gave a fair product, a fair product at a quality price. We've always supported the community and we purchase locally. I pay benefits for a couple employees, something most small businesses don't do," says Young.

He further states, "Sometime we have to get back to the basics of where we were. Where we actually care about the people and care about the environment and still make money and do ok. Nowadays it's just about the bottom line."

Borough to crack down on parties

By Nancy Lowry
New Castle News

"Party hearty" may be a weekend mantra of the past for fraternities and students at Westminster College and for the townspeople of New Wilmington.

Borough council Sept. 7 approved a disorderly house ordinance intended to turn down the volume of boisterous conduct, unseemly noise, fighting, public drunkenness, illegal alcohol consumption and other disturbances of the public peace or decorum.

Violators could pay fines of up to $600, plus court costs.

"We don't expect to use this a lot," said Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo following the meeting. "But now we have the tools to work with."

"If police are called to a disturbance — a party with a lot of people, a lot of loud music and suspected underage drinking — we don't have to go to each individual and determine if that person individually broke a law," he said. "We can go to the tenant or to the owner of the building where the disturbance is held and say the event is out of control and if they allow these activities to continue they will be arrested. We believe this will resolve the problems we have had."

He added it is difficult for one police officer to go into a group of 70 partiers and tell them to disperse.

"We needed this to address problems but we have very few incidents over the course of a year," Piccirillo said. "Most of our people are pretty compliant."

Although the fine a district justice imposes could go up to $600, "I don't see anyone being fined $600 for playing loud music," Piccirillo said. "But if the same person comes before the district justice five times, the justice will have something that he can do."

The ordinance is modeled after a similar one in Slippery Rock, which is also a college town.

Mayor Wendell Wagner said the ordinance is needed.

"In a college town, you have not only the fraternities but also college housing where things can get out of hand," he said. "This will keep the peace."

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 80°	High 70°	High 69°	High 72°	High 72°	High 78°	High 78°
Low 57°	Low 44°	Low 46°	Low 49°	Low 56°	Low 57°	Low 54°
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and breezy	Sunny to partly cloudy	A good deal of sunshine	Mostly sunny	A blend of sun and clouds	Times of sun and clouds

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:58 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Sunday	6:59 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
Tuesday	7:01 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Wednesday	7:02 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	3:31 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Sunday	4:37 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Monday	5:43 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Tuesday	6:50 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Wednesday	7:58 a.m.	8:13 p.m.

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New	First	Full	Last
Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 6

Weather History

On Sept. 12, 1988, the remains of Hurricane Florence spawned a small tornado that skipped through downtown Indianapolis, Ind. There were no fatalities and only scattered damage.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	79	56	s	72	50	pc	69	49	s	71	52	s	73	58	s
Butler, PA	79	58	s	75	50	pc	72	50	s	71	49	s	71	57	s
Cambridge, OH	82	58	s	78	52	pc	74	50	s	72	50	s	75	57	s
Canton, OH	80	56	s	72	48	pc	70	48	s	71	51	s	73	58	s
Cincinnati, OH	83	62	s	81	58	pc	78	56	s	78	56	s	80	60	s
Clarion, PA	77	56	s	71	45	sh	65	47	s	70	48	s	70	55	s
Clarksburg, WV	80	57	s	74	50	pc	70	46	s	72	47	s	72	55	s
Cleveland, OH	80	58	s	70	52	sh	70	52	s	73	54	s	76	60	s
Columbus, OH	83	60	s	73	52	pc	76	52	s	75	56	s	74	61	s
Cumberland, MD	77	58	s	75	51	pc	70	47	s	71	52	s	73	58	s
Erie, PA	76	59	s	65	49	sh	65	50	s	69	55	s	75	61	s
Franklin, PA	76	56	s	72	48	sh	70	48	s	70	48	s	68	56	s
Greensburg, PA	80	59	s	73	51	pc	71	50	s	71	53	s	74	59	s
Greenville, PA	79	57	s	71	45	sh	68	47	s	72	50	s	72	56	s
Grove City, PA	77	57	s	71	47	pc	67	45	s	70	49	s	69	55	s
Hagerstown, MD	79	59	s	79	57	pc	75	54	s	75	57	s	75	59	s
Indiana, PA	81	60	s	74	50	pc	72	51	s	72	53	s	77	59	s
Jamestown, NY	74	56	s	65	45	sh	63	46	s	68	49	s	70	55	s
Kittanning, PA	81	60	s	73	49	pc	71	49	s	72	52	s	74	59	s
Lisbon, OH	80	58	s	70	45	pc	70	49	s	72	51	s	73	57	s
Mansfield, OH	80	55	s	73	46	pc	72	52	s	71	51	s	72	57	s
Marietta, OH	82	59	s	77	51	pc	70	48	s	74	50	s	78	58	s
McKeesport, PA	80	59	s	77	53	pc	72	51	s	75	55	s	73	59	s
Meadville, PA	78	57	s	69	47	sh	65	46	s	71	51	s	70	57	s
Morgantown, WV	80	59	s	78	54	pc	75	50	s	72	53	s	73	59	s
New Castle, PA	80	58	s	71	46	pc	69	47	s	72	50	s	72	57	s
Oil City, PA	77	57	s	72	47	sh	67	46	s	71	49	s	69	56	s
Pittsburgh, PA	79	59	s	75	52	pc	73	50	s	75	55	s	77	57	s
Sharon, PA	80	57	s	72	44	sh	69	47	s	72	49	s	72	57	s
Somerset, PA	73	56	s	69	48	pc	65	47	s	65	51	s	67	55	s
Steubenville, OH	80	58	s	72	49	pc	70	49	s	71	51	s	74	58	s
Uniontown, PA	80	58	s	73	50	pc	72	46	s	72	51	s	73	56	s
Warren, OH	80	57	s	70	44	sh	70	47	s	73	50	s	74	57	s
Washington, PA	79	56	s	72	46	pc	70	45	s	71	47	s	72	56	s
Waynesburg, PA	79	57	s	72	49	pc	71	46	s	71	50	s	72	57	s
Wheeling, WV	80	58	s	72	49	pc	70	49	s	71	52	s	74	58	s
Youngstown, OH	79	57	s	69	43	sh	69	47	s	72	49	s	72	57	s
Wooster, OH	80	54	s	71	44	pc	70	45	s	70	49	s	73	56	s
Zanesville, OH	82	58	s	73	49	pc	74	47	s	72	50	s	75	58	s

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Sports

Matune competes at U.S. Amateur

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

During the summer, when many other students interned, lounged by the pool, or worked at minimum wage jobs, junior golf standout John Matune competed in the 2004 United States Amateur Golf Championship.

The Championship was held from August 16-22 at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY. Matune relished the experience.

"Qualifying for the U.S. Amateur has always been a goal of mine and playing at Winged Foot is an experience I will never forget," he said.

Matune fired a two-day total score of 165. He missed the cut, which stood at 150 strokes.

Matune earned the right to compete at Winged Foot by placing in the top five at the Cleveland Area Sectional Qualifier, which was held at Lake Forest Country Club and Fox Den Golf Club in Hudson, Oh.

Matune finished fourth in the qualifier with a two-day total score of 144.

Matune returns to action this fall as a veteran for what promises to be another successful Titan golf team.

In 2003-2004, Matune earned Team MVP honors and President's Athletic Conference Second Team honors after earning PAC First Team laurels in 2002-2003.

Matune returns along with senior Scott Voelker, juniors Gary McGovern and Matt Kurtz, and sophomores Robbie Jewell and Dan Ockree.

The Titans lost lone senior Kevin McCreary to graduation.

During the 2003-04 season, Voelker, an economics major, earned a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll.

The Titans have captured two consecutive PAC titles. Matune and junior Gary McGovern expect the team's maturity to be a valuable asset during the upcoming season.

"We have the same team coming back into this year, and although we did not succeed as much as we would have liked last year, we gained a lot of experience, especially for the young guys," Matune said.

"We have a solid team this season. We return all five starters from a year ago," McGovern said. "Basically, when it comes down to it, we're a more mature golf team."

The Titans will begin competition on Sept. 21, when they compete in the La Roche Invitational.

On Sept. 27, they will play host to the Titan Fall Invitational. It is one of two homes matches in which they participate. They also host the Westminster Invitational during the spring season.

Football Titans of the Week

The football team has selected three players as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the season-opening 31-0 loss at Ohio Northern on Saturday.

In addition, Titan senior defensive back Tanner Larson has been named the 2004 recipient of the Harold Burry Award by the members of the football program.

Earning Offensive Titan of the Week honors for the Ohio Northern game was senior offensive lineman Phil Frye.

Senior defensive tackle Tony Ventresco was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week.

Sophomore linebacker Jason Fridley was named Special Teams Titan of the Week.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Sophomore Blake Ordell takes the game-winning shot and celebrates afterwards at the end of the overtime game against Penn State Altoona.

Titan soccer kicks off

Men's and women's teams start out ahead of the pack

By Fredrick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans opened their 2004-2005 soccer campaign in impressive fashion. The girls competed in the Westminster/Amerihost Inn Soccer Classic this past weekend.

The team was matched up against Medaille College in round one and posted an 8-0 shut out. Leading the way for the titans was Senior Angie DePascale and Freshmen Olivia Wilkerson, with two goals each. Standout freshman Scarlett Bretz scored her first collegiate goal as well as the first goal of the season for the Titans.

Bretz commented about her first college soccer experience. "I was rather anxious and nervous before the start of the game, after I scored the first goal, I had a great sense of relief." When asked how college soccer differed from high school soccer she said, "It's definitely more aggressive, they have better ball control and are much faster."

In round number two, the Lady Titans gave another great performance in once again shutting out Penn State-Altoona. Bretz and DePascale picked up right where they had left off, scoring a goal each. Their record improves to 2-0 in this young season. The Lady Titans now turn their attention to PAC play where they face Thiel College at home.

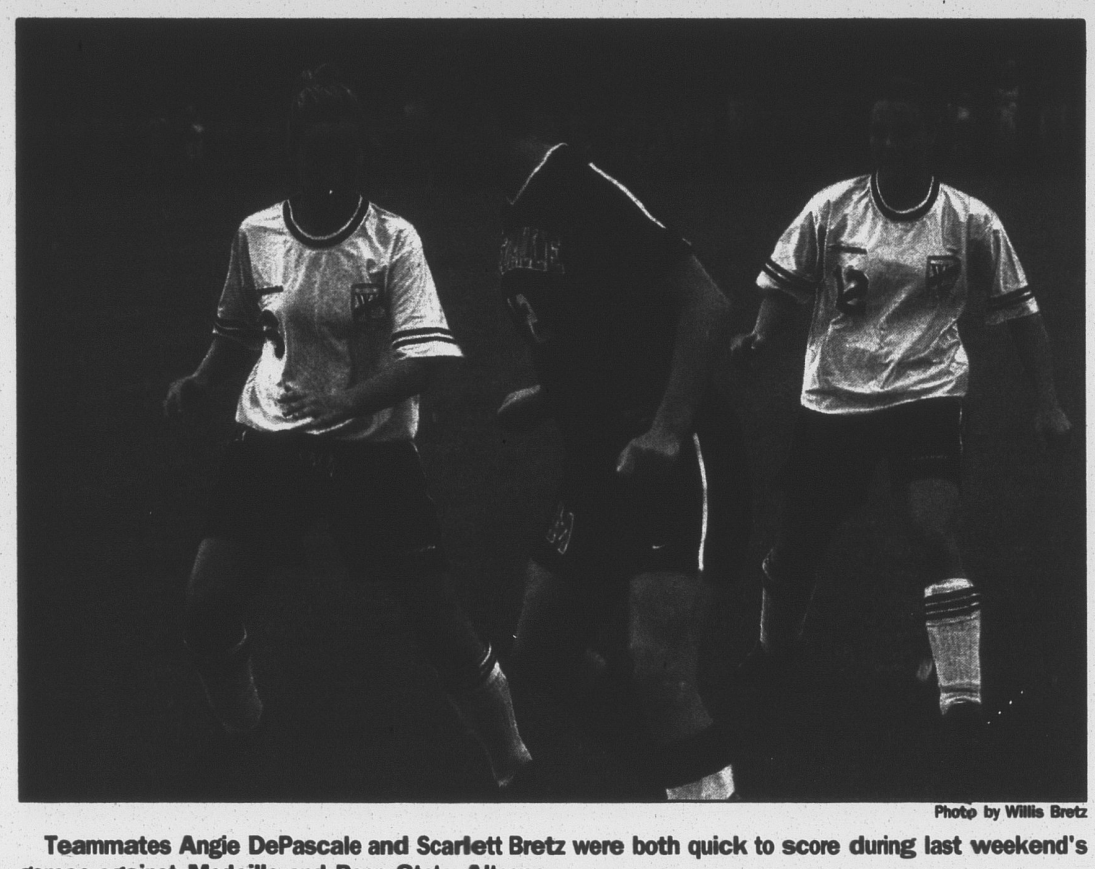

Photo by Willis Bretz

Teammates Angie DePascale and Scarlett Bretz were both quick to score during last weekend's games against Medaille and Penn State Altoona.

The men's soccer team was also in action at the Westminster/Amerihost Inn Soccer Classic. The Titans took on Medaille College in round one action. The game was close throughout until sophomore Blake Ordell netted the game's only goal. The boys went on to win by a score of 1-0, starting their season off with a smash.

Just like their female counterparts, the men took on Penn State-Altoona in round two. It may have been a different opponent, but the result all the same.

In the 101st minute of the game, Ordell once again scored the game-winning goal after he had a received the pass from senior Sebastian Driver.

Senior Christian Davoli was able to give some insight as to how the team looks for the upcoming season.

"We are still a little inexperienced, but that is normal for early in the year. I see nothing but good things for us this year," he said. Davoli adds that he is very confident in his game and felt that if everything goes well the Titans will win PACs and do well in the NCAA tournament.

Davoli also gave praises to the star of the first two games. "I was not surprised that Blake has come out with the type of intensity and game play that he has thus far this season, he showed me a lot last year and I know he will only help us get better this season." The Titans now take their undefeated record up against Pitt-Bradford at home.

Runners compete at Fisher Invitational

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams were in action for the first time this year at the Fisher Invitational cross-country meet this past weekend.

The field consisted of 60 runners for both races. The schools that took part in the races were Altas Bratas, West Liberty, Penn State-Behrend, Thiel and Westminster. The length of the races varied; the men ran five miles, the women ran three.

Altas Bratas took first place in both men's and women's races. The top Titan finishers included freshman Chris Diamond who came in twelfth place and finished with a time of 28:53.

Finishing second for the Titans was freshman Nathan Mitchell. Mitchell finished 14th with a time of 29:13. For the women, the top runner was senior Felicie Reid, who ran a 21:36 race and finished in 15th place. The next to cross the line was freshman Leanna Scott, who came across in 23rd with a time of 22:34.

Senior Brad Zerbe commented on his team's performance after the race. "We have a lot of work to do. We have to work on pace, strength, hills and most importantly just get in shape."

Zerbe had mixed emotions going into the first race of the season. "I was nervous and pumped for it all at the same time. I did not run my best race, but I will improve," he said. However, Zerbe feels that they will give a good showing against Grove City when they face each other head to head.

The teams now travel to Thiel for the Thiel Invitational Saturday, September 11.

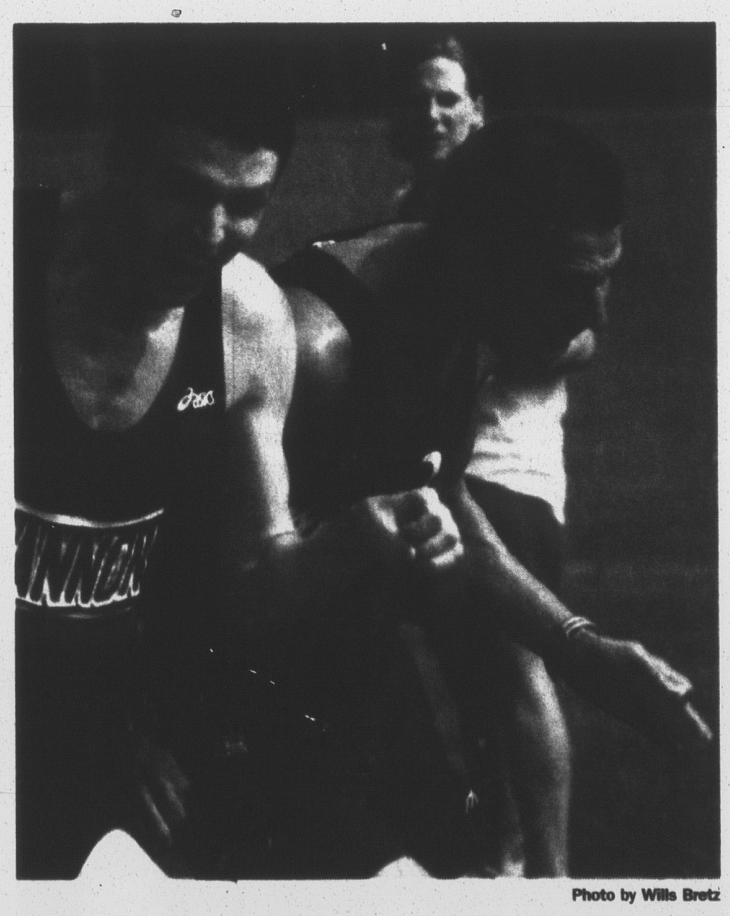

Photo by Wills Bretz

Marcus Corvino attempting to edge out his competition during the Fisher Invitational Cross Country Meet on September 4.

Recognizing the role of our student-athletes

By Thomas Heath
Sports Editor

First things first, I would like to welcome everyone back to school and also welcome one of the largest freshman classes that we have ever had here on campus.

It makes me very excited to see that a good percentage of the freshmen are involved already in on-campus activities, especially athletics. I have to admit, there are times that I am partial to football because I am on the team.

Heath

However, this year my goal is to get as much coverage as possible on all campus athletics; coverage from football to women's soccer and women's golf. This is very important to me as I am positive it is important to all other student-athletes on campus.

Playing division three athletics is about a lot more than the money. We all take pride in our studies first, which is the number one priority for all of us here.

Speaking from experience, I have friends who are on athletic scholarships and one in particular happens to be majoring in biology. I know for a fact that biology majors participate in athletics on campus.

Here we are allowed to take labs during the season and be late or even miss practice. My friend has to take all labs in the summer and is not allowed to miss any practice or even be late. That is what makes being a division three student athlete so great. Your number one priority is school. You are here to get an education and become a professional in not your sport but in many other aspects of life.

I respect all student athletes here and at all other small schools across the country. I know from experience first hand and also from others here, how much time we all actually invest in our respective sports and yet still find the times to study, stay involved in on campus activities and have a healthy social life.

It is when this balance is achieved that it has the most profound effect on the student-athlete. It teaches commitment, organization and time management skills.

However, I feel here it is more special to participate in athletics at Westminster than at other area schools.

I urge you all to take a walk down to the field house and just look around. Look in the gym and notice all of the championship banners hanging from the rafters. Look at all of the trophy cases and how much history we have rooted in a winning tradition.

Most importantly, take a walk down the hall where the plaques of the academic all-Americans hang. Every student-athlete should strive to make that wall; strive to be an academic all-American. The best part of it all is that they got it done in the classroom and also on the field and courts of play.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to take pride in all they do here on campus. Whether you are the editor of the newspaper, a president of a political organization, a student-athlete, or you are just here for the most important reason, which is getting a great education, we all need to stick together and support one another in all that we do on campus. It will make for a rewarding lifetime experience that we will cherish forever.

Arts & Entertainment

At the 10 spot: the reality of MTV celebs

By Jessica Bevan
A &E Editor

As I was riding the bus into town to my fabulous summer internship a few weeks ago, I was trying to keep my mind off of the gentleman with the unpleasant odor who had just sat down next to me. (For unconventional entertainment, try the 61C in Pittsburgh. Good times to be had by all.)

Naturally, my thoughts went to the Holcad.

Okay, not really. But I was thinking about the debacle that was the apple of MTV's eye, "The Assistant." On the most recent episode I had seen, the 'star' of the show, Andy Dick and his contestants went camping ("Because Nick and Jessica did it on their show..."). During the camping trip, Andy's agent called, saying that he'd lost two different movie roles. At this, Andy announces that this reality show, which was supposed to catapult him to A-list stature, is ruining his life.

What am I driving at? Well, will this silly show ruin Andy's life? Hardly. If anything, it will boost his career, for at least fifteen more minutes.

Take the aforementioned Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson. Both of them had floundering careers before their show aired. Now, you can't get escape them. By the second season of their show, Jessica's record sales went through the roof - so much so, that she re-released her most recent effort.

And then, there's Jessica's little sister - Ashlee. Before this summer, she was moderately known from her role on the WB classic, "7th Heaven." Now, she'll be known as that singer who had a show on MTV (the geniuses behind all the shows mentioned today), and who also happens to be on another show. And we all know "7th Heaven" is going to get a surge in ratings this fall. For the first few episodes, anyway.

What was interesting about "The Ashlee Simpson Show" was that she actually built a little bit of credibility for herself. We've reentered the phase in the great music cycle where singers who pen their own songs are given some iota of respect. We saw Ashlee working both on her own, and with other people, to write the songs that ended up on her album.

Not only that, but in the last episodes, Ashlee attempted to step out of her big sister's shadow (pun intended) and establish her own image, through a few performances.

I really have to hand it to the Simpson girls. But, even more, their dad and manager, Joe Simpson, deserves a big round of applause. He is a media genius. He knows exactly how to play the American consumers. And that may be a bigger talent than we could ever give anyone credit for.

In the end, the point is that a correlation exists between being in front of our faces for twenty-two minutes (plus repeats) each week and what people are willing to buy. Would Ashlee's debut record and single gone to number one on the Billboard charts if she didn't have a "reality" show on MTV? Not bloody likely. Andy Dick's other show, "Less than Perfect" (ABC), will gain some viewers and his next movie will be bigger, especially if the winner of "The Assistant" is involved. "Pimp My Ride" is obviously going to help Xhibit's career.

Can I get my own show on MTV?

Grubbin' with Greg: The Sex Cafe

By Greg Smith
Food Critic

For many of you returning to campus and for those of you who have just begun your educational careers here at Westminster, this column is something new for you. The purpose of this column is not to bore you with the technicalities and formalities that are often associated with food critiques.

Smith

Rather, the purpose of this column is to provide you with some inside information about some well known as well as some not-so-well-known restaurants in the surrounding area. While you may not immediately appreciate the "inside information," I suspect that about halfway through the semester you will not be able to stand anymore of Sodexho's food and you will value my advice.

I would like to take the time to explain how I will rate and evaluate the restaurants that will be featured in this column: Twinkies. The "Twinkie Rating Scale" works the same as the traditional star rating scale with the highest rating possible being four Twinkies.

Now that my rating system has been explained I feel that it's only appropriate to apply it to the first restaurant being featured in this column, the West Middlesex Diner.

I'm sure that most of you miss one thing about home - home cooked meals. Well I have some good news for you, because you no longer have to go home on the weekends to get that good old fashion home cuisine. Only ten minutes from Westminster on Route 18 in West Middlesex there is a little diner that is named, believe it or not, the West Middlesex Diner, aptly nicknamed "Sex Café." The good news about the West Middlesex Diner is that they serve good old fashion home cooking, their menu is very reasonably priced, and they're open 24 hours a day.

The West Middlesex Diner menu has something on it for everybody whether you are craving breakfast items, sandwiches, seafood or pasta dishes. Every meal is served with your choice of potato and your choice of soup or salad. The average price of a meal on the menu is $6. I personally recommend giving the chicken alfredo and broccoli a try. It's a healthy portion of pasta, broccoli, and grilled chicken tossed in a creamy garlic alfredo sauce, which is of course preceded by your choice of soup or salad. The West Middlesex Diner is also a great place to eat at if you're feeling famished because the service is friendly and fast. You are likely to have your order taken within the first five minutes you're sitting at your table. Your soup or salad will take two to three minutes to come out after you place your order, and by the time you finish your meal is already on its way out.

I cannot stress enough how satisfying the meals are if you are craving a home cooked meal. Aside from resembling the kind of meals your mother would make, the atmosphere that the West Middlesex Diner provides is nostalgic of your grandparents' house. I understand that for some people this type of atmosphere may seem lame, but this mom and pop shop is reminiscent of your grandparent's house decked out with contemporary pop figure ideals and patriotic motif flair blasted all over the walls. However, I will admit that there is one drawback to the West Middlesex Diner's atmosphere: country music.

Next time you and your friends find yourself fighting over whether or not to hit up Sheetz or Taco Bell maybe you should make a bold compromise and give the West Middlesex Diner a visit. You know how the old saying goes, "There's no place like home." I would contend that the West Middlesex Diner is close enough, but you don't have to worry about being heckled at by your parents. I would rate my total experience at the West Middlesex Diner three and a half Twinkies. Until next week keep on grubbin.'

At the movies with Chris and Tom

By Chris Medjesky
and Tom Oyer
Movie Reviewers

As we begin our second and final year as movie reviewers at Westminster, we have decided to provide our audience with another summer movie recap. Is it because these movies were so good? Hardly. It's because what's out at the theater now is crap.

It will be easiest to divide this particular article into three parts. Let us start with what we'd like to call the "mediocre movies." "The Notebook" was a decent movie, but compared to the original source it lacked depth and certain traits of the characters that made them believable. "The Terminal" was another feature that did not live up to the hype. Tom Hanks with a foreign accent does not an Oscar make. Neither does shortchanging the audience with twenty minutes of Catherine Zeta-Jones when you bill her as the female lead. Stanley Tucci is the thing to watch in this movie, but even his silly resolution nearly nullifies what could have been an Oscar nominated performance.

Finishing up the mediocre is Shamalamadingdong's "The Village." "The Village" bombed at the box office after one week of success. This, however, was likely unjustified. The ending was predictable but if the point of the whole movie was to surprise the audience for a fourth time then he's wasting our time to begin with. It is time for M. Night to spread his wings and prove that "The Sixth Sense" was not a fluke. This movie could have been excellent but the focus on the twist became too much to overcome.

Just below the mediocre rests the garbage that summer always throws at us. The middle of May presented audiences with what should have been a likely Oscar contender in "Troy." It was everything an epic shouldn't have been. The movie was sweeping when it should have been sentimental and up in your face during huge action scenes. "Troy" wanted to be a great movie before it even started filming and the hype became too big for the project. Great actors like Brad Pitt and the legendary Peter O'Toole could not even begin to make up for the horrible performances by Orlando Bloom and the dastardly Brian Cox. Still, "Troy" was nothing compared to what would come out.

Like "The Notebook," "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" was disappointing compared to the source. What makes this movie bad was just how poor the adaptation was. It was not so much the silly idea of seeing the wizard kids in Gap clothes but more that very important concepts were left out of the movie version: plot and motive! We see what happens just as in the book, but the reasons are left completely out of the picture. Those that read the book will certainly be disappointed to some extent, the others may enjoy it.

Remakes like "The Stepford Wives" and "The Manchurian Candidate" also failed to produce excitement in the movie or the box office. Michael Mann bored the world again with another snooze in "Collateral," the only things saving the movie was a breakout performance. Finally the "bad" is best represented in another member of the "vs." series: Alien vs. Predator. Based off the game of the same name, it's so bad you'd have to see it to believe someone gave up another movie to make this slock.

The successes of the summer range from exciting actioners like "I, Robot" and "The Bourne Supremacy" to dramatic surprise of "Garden State" which boasts a very impressive directorial debut by Zack Braff of TV's Scrubs. Sequels like "Shrek 2" and "Spider-man 2" ruled the box office but were actually very touching and enjoyable movies. But the biggest surprise of the summer was the success of the documentary. Two very powerful movies in "Super Size Me" and "Fahrenheit 9/11" proved that people will pay money to be better informed about the REAL world.

So in recap we have learned five very important things this summer:

1. Americans will dish out the goods to watch a documentary.
2. Sequels can actually work-Remakes rarely do
3. The Versus series should have died with Freddy and Jason
4. Mark our words, Jamie Foxx CAN win an Oscar
5. Not even Brad Pitt can save a terrible screenplay.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY

Event: Movie "Mean Girls"
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Mueller Theater

Event: Gateway Clipper Cruise
(Reservations Only)
Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Buses leave from Field House

Event: Movie "Raising Helen
Time: 10:30 p.m.
Place: Mueller Theater

SATURDAY

Event: Movie "Raising Helen"
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Mueller Theater

Event: Night Owl Bowling $2 WC students others pay full amount
Time: 10:00 pm
Place: McKelvey Front Entrance

Event: Movie "Mean Girls"
Time: 10:30 pm
Place: Mueller Theater

SUNDAY

Event: Movie "Mean Girls"
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Mueller Theater

Event: Movie "Raising Helen"
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Place: Mueller Theater

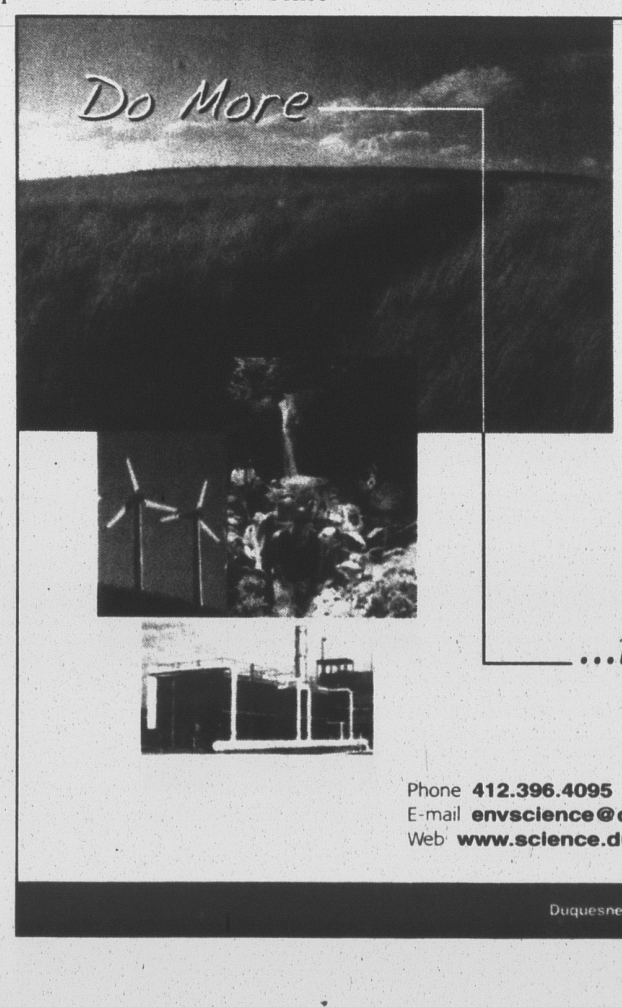
Monday Night Football
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Place: Club Room

COMING SOON . . .

Friday Afternoon Intramural Events hosted by the Greeks

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 17	Titan's Tavern
Sept. 18	Comedians: The Late Night Players
Sept. 25	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 1	Musician: Ari Hest
Oct. 1	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 2	SGA Fall Fest

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information



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CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 10

All-Campus Formal on the Gateway Clipper (buses leave Field House at 9 pm; boat sails 10 pm-2 am)

11:40 a.m. — Chapel, Wallace Memorial Chapel

4 p.m.-6 p.m. — Meet the Greeks Intramural Competition: Relay Races, Quad

6 p.m. — Volleyball at Wooster (OH) Invitational

8 p.m. — Movie in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

10 p.m. — Buses Leave for Night Owl Bowling, MCC Front Entrance (Shaw Hall side)

10:30 p.m. — Movie in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

Saturday, Sept. 11

7:30 a.m. — PRAXIS National Teacher Exams, Patterson Hall 112

1 p.m. — Women's Tennis at Washington and Jefferson

1 p.m. —, Football vs. Allegheny (H), Burry Stadium

2 p.m. — Men's Soccer vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)

4 p.m. — Women's Soccer vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)

6 p.m. — Volleyball at Wooster (OH) Invitational

7 p.m. — Mass, Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 p.m. — Movie in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

10:30 p.m. — Movie in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

Sunday, Sept. 12

3 p.m. — Movie Matinee in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

6:15 p.m. — IFC Meeting, MCC 255

7 p.m. — Vespers: Memorial Service Commemorating September 11, 2001, Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 p.m. — Kappa Delta Meeting, MCC Witherspoon Maple

8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting, Patterson 311

9 p.m. — Movie in Mueller, MCC Mueller Theatre

9:30 p.m. — Phi Kappa Tau Meeting, Hoyt 152

9:30 p.m. — CPU Meeting, MCC 255

Monday, Sept. 13

Greek Organizations' Meetings

11:40 a.m. — Chapel, Wallace Memorial Chapel

1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Water Aerobics "Aquafitness" (Monday, Wednesday, Friday from September 13 through October 20),Memorial Field House Natatorium

7 p.m. Green Party Meeting, Patterson 228

9 p.m. — Monday Night Football: Green Bay at Carolina , MCC Club

9 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting, MCC Witherspoon Maple

10 p.m.-1 a.m. — Late Night, MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)

3 p.m. — Women's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)

4:30 p.m. — Men's Soccer vs. Point Park (H)

5:30 p.m. — Summit I Meeting at Chaplain Jim Mohr's Home

5:45 p.m. — College Democrats, MCC 255

8 p.m. — Alpha Phi Omega Recruitment Party, MCC Berlin Student Lounge

9:15 p.m. — Sierra Student Coalition Meeting, TC 314

10 p.m.-1 a.m. — Late Night, MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Wednesday, Sept. 15

11:40 a.m. — Chapel Service: Prayers and Reflections, Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:45 a.m. — Faculty Forum: Camila Lopez, "Rosario Castellanos' Journey through Chiapas: Spanish Urban Design and Social Structure in Indian Towns, Spanish Cities and 'Mestizo' Villages", MCC Mueller Theater

1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. — Water Aerobics "Aquafitness" (Monday, Wednesday, Friday from September 13 through October 20), Memorial Field House Natatorium

4:30 p.m. — Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

6:30 p.m. — Heinz Lecture Series: Carlo Hawkwalker, "Medicines of the Heart", MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7 p.m. — SGA Meeting, MCC Mueller Theatre

9:30 p.m. — Seekers College Fellowship, MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Thursday, Sept. 16

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. — Josten Ring Days, Table Outside Bookstore

11:15 a.m. — Eine Kleine LunchMusik Concert Series: Beth Harrison, Clavichord, MCC Atrium

4 p.m. — Men's Soccer at Waynesburg

5 p.m. — Seekers Executive Council Meeting, MCC 352

5 p.m. — Student Organizations' Presidents Dinner, MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

6 p.m. — College Republicans, Patterson 231

7 p.m. — S.I.F.E. Meeting , MCC 255

7 p.m. — Bleasby Colloquium, MCC Mueller Theater

9 p.m. — Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting, MCC 352

9 p.m. — Mirrors Hall Meeting, MCC 255

10 p.m.-1 a.m. — Late Night, MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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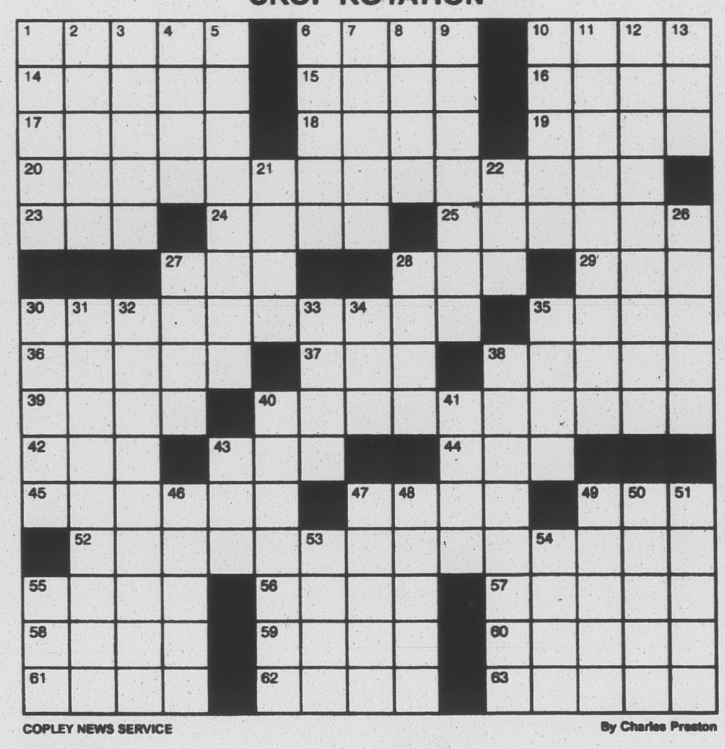

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HOROSCOPES

By Wanda Perry
Copley News Service

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid losing or misplacing key information. Slow down, get organized and handle important documents or messages with utmost care.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You owe it to yourself to go out and have a good time. Be first in line at a theatrical performance, seasonal celebration or sporting event.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Something unexpected comes from a chance encounter. Do your best to keep a promise you made to loved ones.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Communication is subject to erratic patterns, creating mass confusion or mistakes. Be sure to relay correct information in a timely manner.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Practice caution in spending. Take a practical or sensible approach and avoid the pitfall of buying a luxury item that is clearly out of your range.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Do your homework before making a decision about your future. Speak with an elder or mentor about your career choices Note their concerns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your creativity thrives on a challenge. Step into the fray with an exciting project that is sure to get your blood flowing and bring out your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Demonstrate to your peers that you can be unselfish as well as supportive. Put the success of a club or group ahead of your own interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): There are many wonderful and exciting ideas floating around in your head. Make an impressive and unique presentation to a boss or superior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Unpredictable is the word that best describes your mood. Do not be afraid to strike out in a different direction and blaze a unique trail to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Raise your hand and ask questions when considering an investment deal or joint venture. Make sure all facts or rules are made clear.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): The time is right for a heart-to-heart talk with a partner or mate. This is your chance to get untold secrets out in the open. Speak up.

An Open Letter to the Westminster College Community

Sexual assault is a serious and underreported problem on college campuses nation wide. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, ninety percent of rape victims attending colleges and universities knew the offenders. (Bureau of Justice Statistics. December 2000). Though located in a quiet and generally safe rural area, Westminster College is not immune to the problems of the wider world. In the last two years, students have reported two rapes and three incidents of forcible sex (Reported crime statistics for Westminster College). These are reported incidents only. In 2003, Westminster students formed the Sexual Assault Task Force to raise awareness about the issue.

The first event that the Task Force will sponsor this year is Respect: Sexual Assault Awareness. Beginning Tuesday, September 21st at noon through 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd, we invite you to help develop understanding about the issue by participating in several events designed to focus attention on the problem of sexual assault. You can sign a pledge of support and respect. You can participate in a discussion on the subject with Rebecca Butler renowned speaker and rape survivor. Finally, you can add your hand print to the Sexual Assault Awareness Banner that will be raised in The McKelvey Campus Center at noon on September 23rd.

We, the members of the Sexual Assault Task Force, encourage you to add your name to ours as we begin to raise awareness about this important issue. Watch for more detailed information on how you can help as the event draws nearer.

Andrea Grove, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Lee Robert Scott, Sophomore, History Major

Jeffrey T. Bersett, Assistant Professor of Spanish

Nawal Rajeh, Junior, Political Science Major

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Get Ready To Sign It!

Beginning at noon on September 21, you can sign a pledge to help stop sexual assault. Come to the ground floor of the Campus Center to sign the pledge and the banner.

Learn More About It...

Tuesday, September 21, beginning at 6:00 PM, renowned speaker and rape survivor, Rebecca Butler will discuss the subject in the Berlin Student Lounge.

6:00pm- Drugs, Alcohol, & SafeDating
7:15pm- Respect
8:30 pm- Liberating Men: What Men Can Do

Wave the Banner High.

Place your palm print on a banner containing the pledge on Wednesday and Thursday in the Campus Center. See the banner hung at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23.

Features

Pop Quiz

This student is:

A. eager to soak up knowledge in class.
B. trying to impress male classmates with her fashion sense
C. confused and actually believes there will be males in her class

This student is:

A. checking the time
B.synchronizing his watch with the Westminster chimes
C. making sure he still has a pulse. It is, of course, after 5 p.m. and the town is dead

This student is:

A. craving a sweet treat
B. trying to gain a few pounds
C. buying the healthiest food options provided by Sodexho

Let me introduce myself

By Laura Zorch
Features Editor

Is it just me, or does anyone else spend a disturbing amount of time trying to cleanse one's mind of the garbage (a.k.a. "hit record") that is Jo Jo's "Get Out"? The song is crap. Jo Jo is 14. And yet, the song constantly assails my ears, blasting from radio stations far and wide.

Now, don't get me wrong. I love pop music, even the sticky sweet goodness of bubblegum pop. But even hit-makers like Britney and Christina were decent enough to wait until they were done with pre-algebra before breaking into the biz. Oh yeah, and their songs weren't crap.

Why am I rambling on about pre-pubescent pop stars? Naturally, I have waited until the last moment to write the column I've known about all summer, and the only thing running through my brain is the anthem of junior high girls across the country. "It's too late… I can't wait…" Make it stop.

This is not the first time, and certainly won't be the last, that my mind focuses on anything but the task at hand.

Zorch

Unfortunately for me, and for anyone who is crazy enough to still be reading this column, the brain poison produced by Jo Jo makes forming ideas and cohesive thoughts even more difficult at the moment.

By the way, my name is Laura, feature editor extraordinaire and resident "I'll hate on you if your name is Jo Jo" critic. Many on campus simply know me as "The Shark."

I have big plans for the features section this year. Mark my words: big plans. Ok, so maybe I don't have actual plans, but good times are sure to prevail.

First things first: no more procrastination for me. If I wrote my column early, this whole "Get Out" catastrophe might have been avoided. However, even when I try my hardest to do things in a timely manner, it just does not work out. Procrastination and general laziness seem to get me in trouble on a daily basis.

Let's examine my morning thus far: I woke up two complete hours before class. Two hours. That is an unreasonably adequate amount of time to be prepared; yet I stumble into the shower about 15 minutes before I have to be at class. With wet hair, no makeup and a mouth full of Triscuits, I arrive late to math.

I had two hours. I did everything in twenty minutes. Why? It's just the way I roll. Everything is done at the last possible moment: bathing, work, writing a Holcad column.

I promise that I will spend more time on features in the future. Well, I can't actually promise that. Who knows when another quality pop starlet with a seventh grade education will touch all of our hearts and minds with such thought-provoking lyrics of heartbreak and girl power. Until next time, get out.

Political Pong: A briefing of the Election 2004 issues

By Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Well everyone, here we are again, back for another year of political debate.

Now although my opponent has changed (Rich ditched me for his own column, and people think conservatives are greedy…), the Republican blood in my body is still ready to take on anything thrown my way.

Russ and I decided to use this first article to lay down the foundation of our beliefs and opinions so you, the reader, can decide which one of us you despise less.

If you'd rather protect the life of a criminal than protect the life of an unborn child, you're more likely to find Russ's column appealing. However, if you'd rather scratch out your eyes than watch another Kerry speech, by all means, read on.

Before I let you into my conservative world, I feel the need to squash a few stereotypes that are circling my fellow party members. First off, we're not all religious right-wing nut jobs. I myself am not particularly religious, and rarely do I base any of my arguments off an excerpt from the Bible.

However, I respect people who are religious, and I respect people who are not religious. So drop the Bible-beater crap. Also, we're not racist and homophobic. Granted, there may be some Billy Joe down South who's a member of both the KKK and, unfortunately, the Republican Party, but Billy Joe is a rare breed.

Rummel

Now that I've gotten those misconceptions off my chest, allow me to explain the type of Republican I am. Above all, I am for small government. I don't believe that Uncle Sam should be telling any American how to run their business, where to send their children to school, or how to live their lives.

I believe that it is the government's primary job to protect our nation, enforce our laws, and create an atmosphere where Americans can succeed on their own efforts (or in other words, without a welfare check).

I am an avid supporter of the death penalty. People may argue that it does not serve as a deterrent to crime, and that putting criminals to death is "cruel and unusual punishment." Instead of giving them what they deserve, we should put them up in a nice cell and let the taxpayers cover their medical expenses. Much better.

Maybe I should whack somebody so I don't have to worry about paying back my college loans.

Since Iraq is such a popular topic, I might as well also cover my opinion on our newest military endeavor. I think that President Bush was completely in the right for his actions at the time.

As the 9/11 commission and several other sources have concluded, Bush reacted appropriately to the information he was provided by the CIA. Besides, creating a democratic nation in the "middle" of the Middle East (a turbulent, politically unstable area) is a really good thing.

I do have my traditional conservative beliefs, but here is where I stray from the pack. I support gay rights and gay marriage. Want to know why? Well, besides having many dear friends who sport the rainbow, I really don't think it's any of the government's business to interfere in their personal lives.

As I mentioned before, I'm all about small government, and if two men want to get married, who cares? The whole "sanctity of marriage being ruined" argument is completely ridiculous.

When I get married (which is when someone finally lowers his standards), I'm not going to think of my vows as any less sacred just because Bob and Ted tied the knot.

By Russell Mills
Resident Liberal

For our inaugural article of "Political Pong," Jessica and I decided to give everyone some background on where we stand on the issues in the political arena today.

Many of these issues will be debated by the presidential candidates over the next few weeks, but we decided to beat them to the punch and begin by giving you the first look at the important issues of 2004.

Let me begin by saying that I am a bleeding-heart liberal; I love Starbucks, Apple Computers and Birkenstocks. I am a Democrat who believes that our government has an obligation to provide to its citizens certain entitlements (Medicare, Welfare, Medicaid and Social Security) and should do its best to help keep the economy strong.

I am reluctantly supporting John Kerry for president (by reluctantly I mean that I was a Howard Dean supporter). I believe that anyone could do a better job than George W. Bush in leading our country at this point in history.

The war in Iraq, as 68% of Americans now realize, was not worth fighting. The death toll now stands at 985 American soldiers who have died for nothing more than a personal vendetta. No weapons of mass destruction have been found, no substantial links to Al-Qaida have been proven, and worst of all we have set up a puppet government that Bush claims is sovereign from U.S. control. Please.

Mills

My view is that we need to have a president who is mature enough to admit when he has made a mistake and do what the constitution says a president should do: be diplomatic.

Kerry will rebuild the bridges that Bush has destroyed around the world and will form a coalition to help rebuild Iraq by involving the United Nations more and helping to free the burden on United States troops.

A little note, if any of you are interested in visiting Iraq in the near future vote for Bush because if elected for a second term, there is a good likelihood that the draft will be reinstated.

I will begin my views of domestic issues by looking at the economy. I believe that the wealthy in the United States have a societal obligation to pay more taxes than the middle and lower classes.

Giving tax cuts to Americans is the primary tool with which the Republican Party wins elections, and in theory it sounds like a good idea. What they don't tell you, however, is that by cutting national taxes, the federal government has less money to give to the states.

And what does that mean you may ask? Well for starters, higher prices at the pump because the states make up revenue by charging more liquid fuels taxes, higher college tuition, and higher state, local, and occupation taxes (if you live in Pittsburgh you saw your occupation tax jump from 10 dollars to 100 dollars).

I will conclude with a look at some of the moral issues in the upcoming election. First off, I believe that a woman has the absolute decision to seek an abortion if she so chooses.

If Republicans would spend more time protecting the rights of the born (health care, welfare, etc.) than those of the unborn, then maybe America would be a place where all prosper (instead of a select few).

I am a supporter of same-sex marriage because all Americans are entitled to the same protections and benefits of the law. Many conservatives like Rush Limbaugh bash homosexuals for "tainting the sanctity of marriage," but in reality it is heterosexuals like Limbaugh who have had four divorces who are ruining the institution of marriage.

View from the Top: Don't be "that" guy/girl

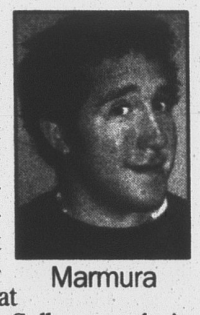
By Rich Marmura
Staff Columnist

Ah yes, it's time for yet another year at the 'Minster. For those of you who are new, welcome to Westminster! You are in for quite an experience. For those of you who are returning, welcome back for another year!

This year I have my own article, which I will use to share some of the insight that I have gained through my years at Westminster. I will strive to make this article entertaining, yet serious. And I hope to at one point or another to tweak just about everyone on this campus. So watch out!

For my first article on my own (without my dear friend Jess Rummel at my side) and my first article of the year, I figured that it would be good to try and offer some sort of service to the campus community.

This simple reference guide will help to set the stage for this year's column, while helping new and returning students to keep from doing those basic things that make the rest of campus want to gouge out their eyes out with pointy sticks.


Marmura

So, without further ado, I present "Don't be That Guy/Girl: the Guide to Being Courteous and Not a Total Degenerate at Westminster College and in 'Real Life' (Wherever That Is)."

Lesson 1: Don't be that guy/girl who cannot accept that people have differences of opinion. Westminster, like the rest of the world, has people from almost every walk of life; including various religions, races, creeds, sexualities and ideals. It is because of these ideals, and other differences between us, that we all have unique views of the world and how it works. However, it should be noted that I am not saying that we must agree with everyone's point of view, I am merely asking that we all respect these various points of view and those who hold them.

Lesson 2: Don't be that guy/girl who is constantly bitter and angry about choices that other people make! Whether its choice of major, clothing, friends or Greek affiliation (or lack there of…), there is always someone bitching about someone else and choices that do not pertain to them!

My advice? Do what makes you happy and as long as someone else's choice is not hurting you or others, don't worry about it You don't like Greek life? That's fine, but don't constantly complain about those who are a part of it. You don't like sports? That's fine, but don't constantly complain about those who work exceedingly hard at these activities.

People here spend far too much time being bitter and angry about things that don't really have anything to do with them. Be happy!

Lesson 3: Don't be that guy/girl who cannot be respectful of others property.

Whether it's dorm rooms, apartments or fraternity houses; whether it's the cafeteria, the TUB or vending machines; respect the property of others. Every year a vending machine is destroyed in a dorm lobby, but it doesn't need to happen.

Every year someone goes to a fraternity house and causes havoc, but it doesn't need to happen. Vending machines in the lobbies benefit everyone, so don't ruin it for everyone. Fraternities do not have to let you into their houses; as they are not nightclubs or places made strictly for your entertainment.

Like in real life, the ability to use certain services and visit certain places are often times a privilege, not a right. Do not force those in positions of authority or power to revoke these privileges!

Lesson 4: Don't be that guy/girl who constantly complains about the food. Well, at least don't complain to the cafeteria workers. Everyone knows that, in many cases, we feel ripped off and ignored (I include myself in this…).

While it is perfectly fine to feel this way and want to change things, no one really takes the struggle to the right people. Every year, I hear people complaining to cashiers and food preparers about the price or quality of the food.

Here's a news flash everyone: Pat and Jerry do not set the prices or pick the menus. They do not form policy for Sodexho Marriot food services. Pat, Jerry and the rest of the dining hall/TUB staff work very hard for all of us, so respect them.

If you have a problem, bring it to SGA, Don Shelenberger (the College's business manager) or to Jeff Creveling of food services. Don't take it out on those who cannot control the situation!

While we're on the subject…**Lesson 5:** Don't be that guy/girl who is disrespectful to those who help you.

Just as I talked about respecting the Sodexho staff, the same goes for maintenance staff, janitorial staff and the support staff (i.e. business office, secretaries, etc.). Just as the Sodexho staff does not form the food policy, these hardworking folks usually do not form policies for their respective departments.

The people who work on support staff are here to help you, they are not your indentured servants and/or slaves! Respect those who help you and I can assure you that they will be very appreciative of your kindness, patience and understanding.

And the final lesson (**Lesson 6 for those who are counting…**), is don't be that guy/girl who believes stereotypes. Unfortunately, there are going to be stereotypes all of our lives, however, that does not mean that we must fall into them or use them as a basis for evaluating someone.

Just as not all people who watch anime are "weird", not all who play football are "meat heads." Just as not all Goths are "morbid," not all sorority sisters are "airheads." Get to know the person, not the stereotype.

In the end, folks, the name of the game this year is respect. Respect needs to go beyond your friends, but rather to everyone.

I am not saying that you need to agree with everyone, but rather treat each person you encounter with the dignity and respect that you would want them to treat you with in return. Remember, don't be that guy/girl who cannot respect yourself and others.

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Let's get this party started!

By Colter McElree
Campus Writer

The College Democrats and College Republicans held their first voter drives on Tuesday, Sept. 14 for the rapidly approaching presidential elections.

This drive, located on the first floor of the campus center, was the first in a series of drives scheduled to take place in the weeks leading up to the election.

The drives are intended to raise the number of registered voters on the campus. This is the second year the College Democrats and College Republicans have sponsored such drives. They ran three last year, including one run by the College Republicans at Wilmington High School.

"In the past they've been pretty successful," said Jess Rummel, president of the College Republicans. "We've had an average of 20 to 25 students register every time."

Greg Smith, president of College Democrats, hopes that not only will the voting drive help get more registered voters, but that those registered will remember to vote.

"Getting registered voters to actually voice their opinion has always been a problem in the United States," said Smith.

In recent elections, the polls have seen an average of 50 percent voter participation. Smith blames this on a number of problems with the voting system.

Voting will take place on a Tuesday, which will makes it difficult for those who work to find time to come out to the polls.

Secondly, with the Electoral College system, potential voters often feel that their vote will not make a difference. Finally, and probably most importantly, many Americans feel that voting just is not worth their time.

"I think this gives students a great chance to get involved in politics," said junior Tricia Burich. "It's a shame so many people fail to take advantage of one of the unique opportunities that our country offers."

The drives are not the only political action planned on campus for the semester. As Rummel explained, the political science honors society will be sponsoring a mock election represented by candidates from the Republican, Democratic and Green parties.

Students and staff alike will have the opportunity to witness campaigning on campus as well as a live debate between the candidates.

The mock election will conclude with voting the week before the actual presidential election.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Jessica Rummel, president of College Republicans, and Greg Smith, president of College Democrats, help students register to vote at the Voter Drive on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

How does TitanNet compare to other colleges?

By Colin Dean and
Laura Krutschnitt
Staff Writers

Every student on campus knows the process. The brave ones try to do it themselves and some ask friends to help, while others pay to have it done for them.

This process is the much-hated TitanNet Self-Connect Kit installation and computer registration. The $12 compact disc, bought at the bookstore, includes the software which the college's information systems department has mandated to be installed on any networked computer on campus.

The college uses Novell NetWare, an enterprise-quality server system, to provide network storage, e-mail and workstation security. Symantec AntiVirus Corporate Edition provides the necessary protection from viruses, trojans and worms. Other optional programs on the CD include Adobe Acrobat Reader for reading PDFs, Mozilla as an alternative to Internet Explorer and Spybot Search and Destroy, a program that assists in the removal of spyware.

The most often heard complaint about the TitanNet Self-Connect Kit is having to buy it at all. The software is revised and updated annually; therefore a new installation CD must be purchased every school year. Other schools allow their students to simply plug their computer into the network without having to configure anything, buy anything, or wait for some unknown figure to turn on their port.

"We like how the network can obviously be reached from any computer on campus, however, when one computer gets a virus, we all do," said Jess Vilella, a freshman at Bridgewater College.

Other schools have a much larger problem with viruses. During the summer of 2003, the Welchia, Blaster and SoBig worms infected thousands of computers worldwide, and continue to infect unprotected systems a year later. New worms are discovered every day.

According to Kevin Taylor, a Slippery Rock University sophomore, SRU experienced serious problems for the first few months of classes in the fall 2003 semester. Also, Indiana University of Pennsylvania reportedly had extended downtime thanks to virus infestations on dorm computers. At the same time, Westminster only experienced about three days of problems due to these same threats. This period would have been longer if it was not for the antivirus program installed in TitanNet.

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Campus sees more renovations

By Aaron Dugan
Campus Writer

Returning Westminster students may have noticed some changes around Orr Auditorium. Though these aren't the first renovations made on campus in the past few years, they certainly won't be the last.

There were many renovation projects done on campus this past summer, but the biggest project was Orr Auditorium. The facility is the location of many campus events, including the opening convocation ceremony for new students, concerts, plays and, of course, the Celebrity Series. Those who have been here at Westminster for a year or more know that the auditorium was in need of some attention. A state grant made improvements possible.

"Orr Auditorium is a Western Pennsylvania Cultural Arts Center," physical plant director Owen Wagner said.

According to Wagner, the state gave the College a 1.7 million dollar grant which was used to refurbish seating, place new carpeting, paint, renovate dressing rooms, update electrical systems including new stage lighting and, to the delight of many, a new heating and air conditioning system, which not only takes care of Orr, but also the music department as well. In addition to the work in the auditorium itself, the grant covered new lighting for the art gallery, a handicap access ramp

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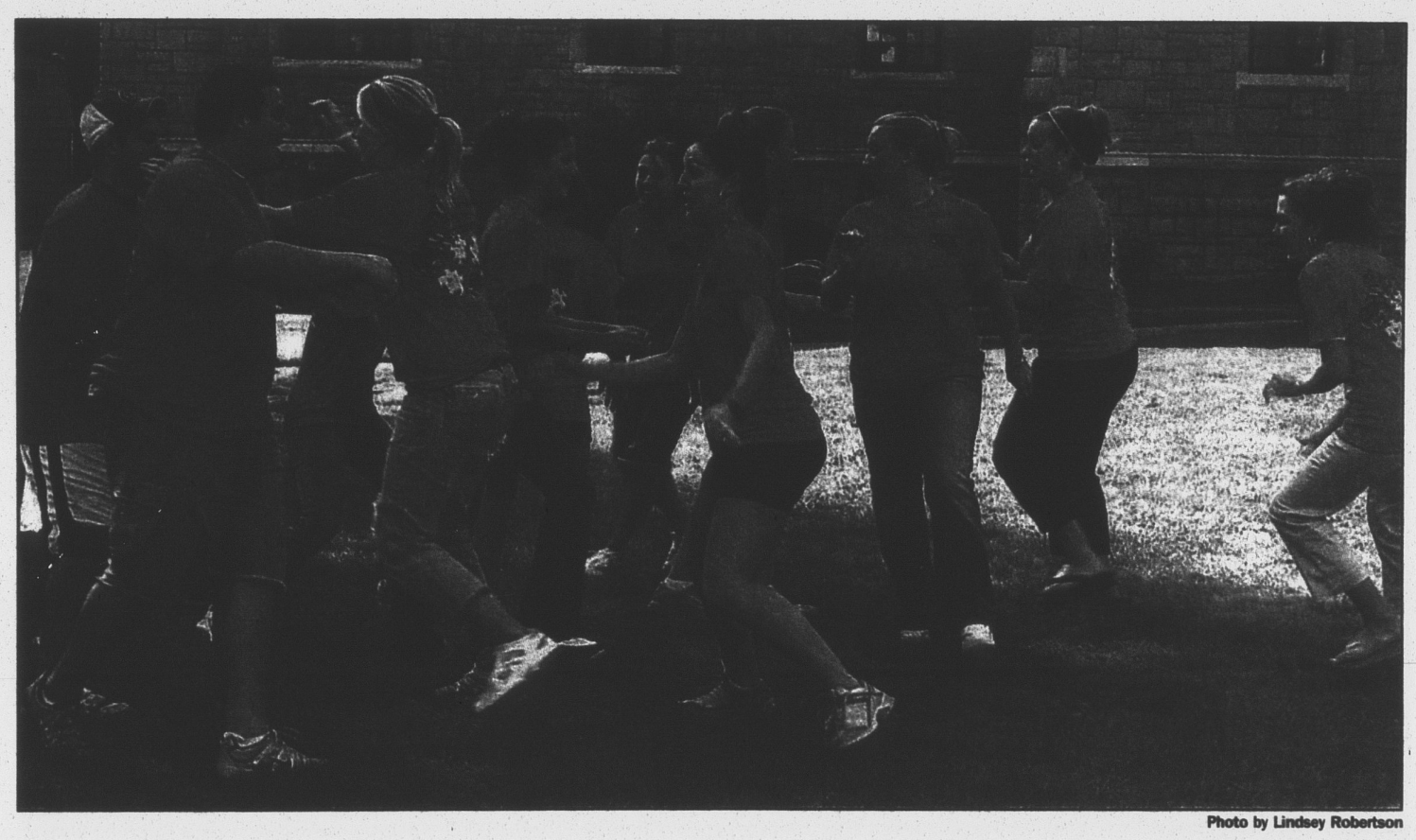

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers and Zeta Tau Alpha sisters get silly in the quad during the Meet the Greeks kick-off event.

Greek community comes out to play

By Quay Rosengarth
Campus Writer

The Inter-Fraternal Council, Panhellenic Council, Student Government Association, Campus Programming Committee and the student affairs office combined efforts to sponsor the first-ever Meet the Greeks program called "Putting the Pieces Together."

"It is designed to get people involved with campus life and also get the Greeks out into the student body to promote their organization," said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne.

"The campus never sees what Greeks really do besides the parties and social life."

Meet the Greeks is an all campus, five-week event held every Friday until Oct. 8, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the quad.

Each week, one sorority and one fraternity join to sponsor an intramural event. Teams of six to 12 non-Greek students can participate in the events. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each competition.

"I think it will be a great way to get the independent underclassmen involved with the Greek organizations early in the year as well as breakdown any barriers between the independent system and the Greek system," said sophomore Kara Brownlee.

Relay races, three-legged kickball, release, capture the flag and a water balloon toss are the possible events students can participate in each week. Each fraternity and sorority is invited to set up an informational table about their organization during their event.

"Greek Week in the spring is a lot of fun. I think it is a great idea to have an all campus event like this in the fall to involve everyone and not just the Greek community," said Amanda Ganster, member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

The five-week event leads up to homecoming and the annual Greek Summit.

"Maybe now the campus can get a more accurate view of the fraternities and sororities other than the stereotypes," said Alpha Sigma Phi President Mark Rhoads.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

"Get Out" JoJo haters: Young star deserves respect

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to Laura Zorch's article bashing JoJo. As a senior in college. I have to admit that I really enjoy JoJo's song "Get Out". I also like her cute little 14 year old image! She may be a pre-teen, but she is clearly mature beyond her years. Let me remind you that many young stars got their start at the same or even earlier ages. For example, Britney Spears was just 15 when her hit song "One More Time" hit up the charts. Mandy Moore was also a ripe 15 when she started her recordings.

Even Grammy award winning Christina Aguilera was 14 when she got her start! So what is wrong with giving lil' JoJo some love!? Miss Zorch, do you not remember the days of middle school when we all pined away to be on Star Search or the Mickey Mouse Club? Can't we be happy for someone who is fulfilling their dreams at a young age and doing it in a respectable, wholesome, real manner? "Get out" sends a positive message to girls of all ages, if a guy isn't treating you well, tell him to take a hike! This is a timeless and ageless message that most women can relate to at some point in their lives! This should be a Westminster girl anthem: time and time again girls on this very campus are letting their boyfriends walk all over them. What would this campus and the way women are treated look like if we all listened to JoJo's advice?

I won't generalize to all the readers of the Holcad, but I will share from my own personal experience that when I had my first boyfriend at a young age, I thought I was really in love. And I am sure that I would have been able to relate to JoJo's song when things didn't work out for me and my man!

However Miss Zorch, your annoyance is understandable. JoJo is a victim of a crime that swipes oh-so-many other artists being overplayed on the radio. Maybe if the airwaves weren't packed with JoJo's hit every waking moment, we would all be able to step back and appreciate JoJo's unique blend of attitude and innocence.

Sincerely,
Jaime Carter and

Our View: Meet the Greeks

Picture this. The sun is shining. Birds are chirping in the trees. Greeks are frolicking about the quad in snazzy matching shirts playing a friendly game of ball with the freshmen. The campus is in perfect harmony and all is right with the world.

Is this heaven, you may ask? Or perhaps an over-marketed admissions piece from a college catalog? No, clever readers. It is time to "Meet the Greeks." A thoughtfully planned event designed to raise interest in the ever-active Greek community on campus.

Here's how it works. Each Friday, a fraternity and sorority partner up on the quad to reenact a lively, physical game reminiscent of an elementary school field day. Freshman students are welcomed and encouraged to form teams of their own and participate in the fun, all while conveniently getting to know their friendly local Greeks.

We at the Holcad agree that this idea sounds good in theory, but when it comes down to it, people tend not to gravitate toward a large bunch of Greeks running around the quad in neon orange shirts. It's one of those things we like to call common sense.

Say you are a freshman. If you already are a freshman, then this should be easy for you. You're walking back to your dorm after your last class on a Friday afternoon, in awe of the stampede of students running to their cars faster than you can say "dry town," when you notice something unusual. This is not a normal Friday afternoon. There are people on the campus. And as you walk closer, you realize these people are actually lots of people, and they are fully equipped with an endless amount of energy and sporting goods. Not to mention they are all wearing the same shirts.

What do you do? Do you throw down your book bag and run with joy toward these complete strangers to join in on their rigorous game of capture the flag? Or do you run in the opposite direction? Most anyone in this position, freshman or not, would run. Fast.

If you want to entice a freshman to get to know your fraternity or sorority better, clobbering them in a game of three-legged kickball is not always the best approach. That's scary. If you want to grab our attention, replace that football with a large plate of free brownies. Then we'll come a running!

People tend not to gravitate toward a large bunch of Greeks running around the quad in neon orange shirts. It's one of those things we like to call common sense.

While this program was undoubtedly planned with the best of intentions to break down the barrier between Greeks and the rest of the campus, we feel that separating Greeks in this way actually creates more of a barrier. And the matching shirts don't help the cult-like effect.

Don't get us wrong. We're proud of our Greek community here. But is this really the best way to portray them?

If we really want our freshmen to get to know our Greeks, instead of tackling them in the quad, it would be more effective to hold an informational meeting in which individuality could be stressed along with Greek orientation. After all, our Greeks are not just Greek. They are athletes, musicians, writers, biology majors, even Holcad staff members!

And having a plate of free brownies wouldn't hurt interest either.

Question isn't HWGV, but *would* he vote?

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Well, it's only week two of my article and I am already bringing up the two subjects that one is never supposed to raise in "proper" conversation: religion and politics. And to make it even better, this week we are going discuss them together.

Originally in this article I intended to analyze specific instances in which all political sides contradict the supposed "religious" policies that they try and present. However, upon further contemplation, I found that the mere idea of God being political at all was larger than just certain individual issues.

As I researched into this subject, I became increasingly frustrated with my results and what they reflected. Unfortunately, it seems that God has become just another "wedge issue" in politics, right up there with guns and the deficit.

As I thought about this, I began asking thinking more about this connection between religion and politics. In the end, I was inspired by a bracelet that read WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) and thus came up with the question of HWGV; "How Would God Vote?" And though some may view the question of "How Would God Vote?" as silly or even blasphemous (though I hope not, come on folks, don't take things too seriously…), I believe this to be a valid question worth considering. I believe that religion has been unfortunately reduced to sound bytes and used by both conservatives and liberals as ways to attack each other and justify their own policies. I believe if we earnestly analyze both subjects together, we will realize that no one has a monopoly on God or holiness.

At some point, no doubt, you heard a politician end a speech with the famous phrase "God Bless America." Now, this has always troubled me a bit, as I never know exactly how to take such a statement from a politician. Admittedly, I am no religious scholar (some may argue that I am not much of a politics scholar either…but that's a different issue…), however, I do not recall God ever coming out and being in favor of one form of government or another.

While it does not seem likely that God would favor murderers like Saddam Hussein or Kim Jong Il; is He supposed to favor our form of government over others?

And while God may favor the freedom of the United States and others like us, it is only fair to point out that other countries throughout the world enjoy freedom and prosperity without following the American mold. Also, if I remember correctly, in the end of days God will come back to earth to rule over all; and while this is certainly a good thing, it is not a democracy.

As I continued my search, I found articles and message boards with titles such as "Why Christians Cannot Be Democrats" or "God is Not a Republican" and many other similar and no less incendiary articles. The first thing that struck me was the anger and venom that was prevalent throughout many of these articles. I found it odd when I see people saying things such "we [The United States] are at war, for the Prince of Peace". War? For the Prince of Peace? Whaaaaa? (Insert confused look here…) Other such hateful comments about people on all sides of the political spectrum continued page after page after page.

As I researched into this subject, I became increasingly frustrated with my results and what they reflected. Unfortunately, it seems that God has become just another "wedge issue" in politics, right up there with guns and the deficit.

These extreme displays of hatred brought me to a question: Does God hate? We are times presented with various groups professing God's supposed "hate" for groups such as homosexuals or single parents or whoever it is politically expedient to hate this week (which all sides are guilty of…). In the end, unfortunately, it seems that God has become the ultimate way to persecute different people. God is always "unavailable for comment" and there are many who profess to know what he truly wants, yet no way to verify this with the source. There seems to be almost no way to know what the "Big Man Upstairs" really wants!

Or is there? As I read through the Bible, I continually see examples of how God and Jesus love and people, regardless of who or what they are. All in all, the message of "love thy neighbor" seems to ring pretty clear; along with the lessons of compassion and tolerance, among others. Jesus did not merely "hang out" with lepers and sinners, but rather he loved them and cared for them. That is the true lesson of this great book, respect and love for all people, not just those who we like or it is easy to do (for those who need advice on this…see last weeks article).

In the end, How Would God Vote? Ultimately, I doubt He would vote. God works and moves in ways that we cannot possibly understand or hope to understand. He is able to see things from any and all points of view and thus makes almost anyone worthy and unworthy in some capacity. He sees us for what we are; human.

And though He is called by many names; God, Lord, Savior, Comforter, The Alpha and the Omega, The Beginning and the End, Prince of Peace, Lamb of God, He means one thing. He is love.

So when all is said and done is it appropriate to say "God Bless America"? Hell yes! Of course its alright! In fact, lets all say it together! "God Bless America."

But don't forget about everyone else when you say that! We're all in this together, kids, not just the United States. And I leave you for this week with the words of Charles Dickens "God bless us, everyone."

Rant & Rave

Amish Paradise will never die!

TitanNet made my computer into a terrorist

I want some old school Titan Radio. No more '80s soft rock!

The movie theater should show Mean Girls every weekend.

Bring more cookies to the TUB. Stop with the mystery desserts.

When the soft serve machine breaks down, I die on the inside.

Congrats to the new cast of Kiss Me Kate!

I like the new and improved Holcad!

The Gateway Clipper dance was good times.

TitanNet didn't give you viruses. You had viruses. TitanNet just gave your the means to discover them.

Want to Rant & Rave?
Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

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Outside the Bubble

NATIONAL

Election battleground shrinking

Bush, Kerry modify tactics to appeal to swing states in heat of election season

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush has been solidifying his gains in states that once were dead heats, forcing both parties' campaigns to alter strategies as the electoral battleground shrinks. Democrat John Kerry is struggling to stay afloat in some hotly contested states, including Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio, where polls show Bush pulling ahead.

Ohio, with 20 electoral votes, went for Bush in 2000 but economic issues this year should be helping Kerry, Democrats suggest. Unemployment in Ohio stands at 5.9 percent, above the national average of 5.4 percent.

"The big problem that Senator Kerry has right now is that he has not communicated to the people of Ohio exactly what his plans are," said Paul Tipps, a Columbus lobbyist and former state Democratic party chair. "This state is very much John Kerry's to win. But he hasn't done it yet."

Bush campaigned in Colorado on Tuesday as part of his plan to put that state, Missouri, Arizona, North Carolina, Arkansas and Louisiana out of contention before Kerry can increase his campaign effort in these second-tier battlegrounds _ all of them won by Bush four years ago.

Reflecting the changing dynamic, Bush's campaign this week increased its advertising in four states won in 2000 by Democrat Al Gore: Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Michigan. Meanwhile, it was cutting back on ads in states that appear to be moving out of play: Arizona and Missouri, which are moving Bush's way, and Maine and Washington, which slightly favor Kerry.

Under pressure, Kerry moved up plans to advertise in Michigan, Oregon, Maine and Minnesota.

With the election less than two months off, both parties are focusing most of their attention and advertising dollars on 10 closely contested states: Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, West Virginia and New Hampshire.

Post GOP convention polls show the race to be a dead heat in Pennsylvania, with 21 electoral votes, a state carried by Gore in 2000. The race in Florida, which decided the 2000 contest when it was put in Bush's column by a Supreme Court ruling, was even in polls conducted just before the convention.

Florida presents the biggest prize of the battleground states, with 27 electoral votes.

In a state battered by two hurricanes and with another on the way, "there is a lot of uncertainty" on how the storms will affect the election, said Al Cardenas a former state Republican chairman.

Still, Cardenas said Florida is a "microcosm of the country" and he sees the presidential race in his state, where President Bush's brother Jeb is governor, as "a percentage point or two from what the national polls are showing," which is a slight Bush lead.

David Beattie, a Democratic pollster in Florida, said many Florida television stations stuck with live coverage of Hurricane Frances and thus many Florida viewers did not even see the Republican convention.

"For the last three weeks, the state has been frozen in place politically," Beattie said, and is likely to remain nearly as closely divided as it was four years ago.

Beattie predicted that battleground states now moving toward Bush would tighten up again as the election draws nearer. But for now, Kerry's supporters are watching earlier advantages slip away.

Kerry advisers said on Tuesday that their problems in Wisconsin, Minnesota and other former Gore states seem to be partly a result of lower-than-expected support from black voters. Blacks overwhelmingly favor Kerry, but not by as much as he needs.

Aides said Kerry has stepped up his speeches to black groups, including the Congressional Black Caucus last weekend.

In battleground Pennsylvania, state polls that show an even race between Bush and Kerry may be misleading and overstate Bush's support, said Dan Fee, a Democratic consultant in the state.

Even though it's clearly a tight race, "I don't see lot of people jumping on Bush's bandwagon" and polls do not accurately reflect a surge in registration of new voters who are more likely to vote for Kerry than Bush, Fee said.

"We are more organized than I have ever seen," Fee added.

But Pennsylvania state Sen. Jane Earll, from Erie in the northwestern part of the state, says the Bush-Cheney organization is far more organized this time in her state than it was four years ago.

"There are more campaign people around, more coordination, more ground troops and grass-roots organizing," she said.

Still, she said, Bush starts "with a registration deficit" in a state where Democrats still comfortably outnumber Republicans.

In New Hampshire, where the opposite is true and Republicans outnumber Democrats, the race remains extremely close and is likely "to remain that way from now to November," said longtime Democratic strategist Dayton Duncan.

"Bush's main advantage is that it's a Republican state. Kerry's advantages are that he's a neighbor and he did well in New Hampshire's primary. But for now, I'd say it's up for grabs."

REGIONAL

Senators say pilots sabotaged US Airways

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The future of US Airways is "not looking good" as the airline grapples with its second bankruptcy in two years _ a situation caused largely by a handful of Pennsylvania-based pilot union officials, the state's two senators said Tuesday.

"It seems to me that you have just a very small group of people in the pilots union, unfortunately from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, four people who ultimately decided that they were going to take this airline down into bankruptcy," Sen. Rick Santorum said after a 35-minute meeting Tuesday afternoon with US Airways chief executive Bruce Lakefield.

"Well they've taken them down _ they've got their pound of flesh, shareholders have lost everything," Santorum said. "Now where are we?"

US Airways, the nation's seventh-largest airline, declared bankruptcy Sunday after the Air Line Pilots Association refused to consider a contract proposal that would have cut pilots' pay and retirement plans _ saving the company an estimated $295 million annually.

Four Pennsylvanians on the union's executive committee, representing the majority of the pilots, blocked a vote on the contract by the full membership. A spokeswoman for the union did not have an immediate comment Tuesday.

Nearly 12,700 of US Airways' 27,800 employees work in Pennsylvania. The airline has hubs in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, although flights in Pittsburgh are being cut sharply as the airport is downgraded to a so-called "focus city."

Sen. Arlen Specter, who hosted the Capitol meeting with Lakefield, said "no one is blaming the unions," but described the situation as causing a "high level of anxiety" at US Airways.

"The matter has not escaped our attention as to whether we might be able to use our good offices to help out," said Specter, whose Senate re-election campaign was recently endorsed by Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

Much of the blame, the lawmakers said, should be shouldered by former US Airways executives who accepted what Specter called a "golden parachute" when they left the company.

Former US Airways CEO David Siegel collected a $4.5 million severance payment when he resigned in April.

OFF CAMPUS

Terrorism officials visit Penn State University

By Melissa Hatch
Collegian Staff Writer

Gov. Ed Rendell's Homeland Security Cabinet rallied in front of the HUB-Robeson Center and reminded students of their role in the fight against terrorism.

The rally, attended by about 15 students, was part of a series of events across the state commemorating National Preparedness Month.

"The preparedness effort in Pennsylvania stands solidly on the twin pillars of prevention and response," said Keith Martin, the Pennsylvania Director of Homeland Security, "Our goal: prevent natural or man-made disaster if we can; respond quickly and effectively if we must."

David Sanko, director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, called for heightened vigilance on college campuses because "some of the terrorists think that colleges are ideal recruiting grounds for the next generation of terrorists."

Martin said Pennsylvania officials are exceptionally prepared for emergency response.

"Pennsylvania has the strongest emergency response system in the nation," he said.

Despite the 2,500 emergency management coordinators across the state, Martin underscored the need for everyday Americans to participate in the effort.

"If we can enlist and engage the eyes and ears of all 12.5 million Pennsylvanians, there will be no place for those who would harm us to hide, plan, prepare or strike."-
Keith Martin, Pa. Director of Homeland Security

"While terrorists could be anywhere, we, the citizens, are everywhere," he said.

"If we can enlist and engage the eyes and ears of all 12.5 million Pennsylvanians, there will be no place for those who would harm us to hide, plan, prepare or strike," he said.

Sanko read a proclamation signed by Rendell and outlined steps each Pennsylvanian should take to become more prepared.

He asked students to create an emergency kit of things like bottled water and non-perishable food as well as make a family communications plan, know what types of emergencies can happen in their area and report unusual people or activity.

"No one knows what looks unusual or suspicious where you live, work and travel better than you do," Martin said.

"You can report unusual or suspicious activity by calling 911 or the State Police Terrorism Tipline with the confidence that every tip will be checked out and that we do have the ability to connect the dots."

However, Lisa Pang (junior-elementary education) expressed some skepticism.

"It inspired me to do my share, but I don't know what the chances are of us seeing anything."

Erica Huang (senior-secondary education and biology) felt the rally was necessary and helpful.

"I think living in secluded State College, for me, has undermined the need for homeland security," she said.

"I don't see what's going on in the world so I don't think about it. The panel reminded me that terrorism is a real yet preventable threat."

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Event: Comics-
"Late Night Players"
SATURDAY
8:00 p.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm
Friday 10:30 pm
Saturday 8:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 pm

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10p.m.- 2a.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
9:00p.m.
Club Room

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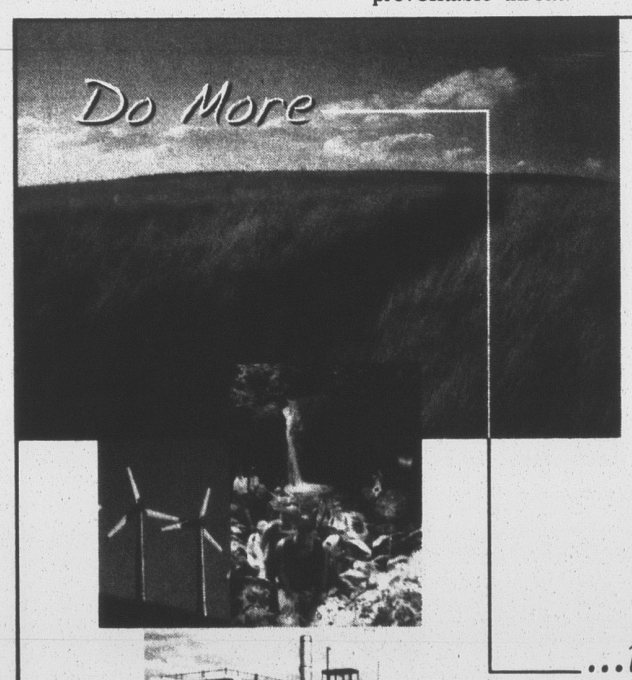
Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Sept. 24	Dance Sponsored by CPU
Sept. 25	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 1	Musician: Ari Hest
Oct. 1	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 2	SGA Fall Fest
Oct.8	Evening of Jazz
Oct. 15	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 29	Rotaract Dance-a-thon
Nov.5	Theta Chi Suitcase Party
Nov. 6	Comic- Megan Mooney
Nov. 12	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 19	Alpha Psi Omega Children's Show



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Campus News

'Kiss Me Kate' is cast

By Lindsay Painter
Campus Writer

Theatre Westminster has chosen Kiss Me Kate for the fall musical.

Kiss Me Kate is based on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. This production is a play within a play. The two lead characters, Kate and Petruchio, principal characters in the production of The Taming of the Shrew, share a great love on stage in the play. In reality, the actors playing these characters, Lilly Vanessi and Fred Graham share a love-hate relationship backstage, providing plenty of drama and laughs.

Dr. Scott Mackenzie, director of the production, chose the play for various reasons.

"In the past, we have done shows that involved many tap numbers. With this production, we can incorporate a little more modern dancing," Mackenzie said.

Kiss Me Kate will be choreographed by Regina Sharbaugh. She is also looking forward to the dancing.

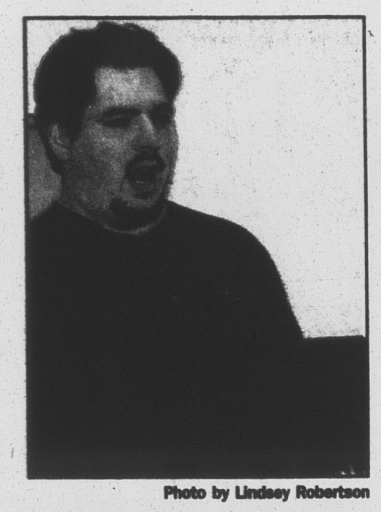

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Senior Justin Bryan begins rehearsals for Kiss Me Kate.

"The dance numbers will take a modern twist for this musical," Sharbaugh said. "It will be a nice change."

Auditions took place September 6 through September 9. During auditions, interested students sang, learned a dance, and also read from the script.

"Auditions went well," Mackenzie said. "We actually had too much talent."

When the cast list went up on Friday September 10, there was still a part without an actor. The main female role, Kate, had not yet been cast.

"I was a little anxious because I worked really hard for that role," sophomore Sarah Timm said. "Later on, when I found out that I had been assigned the character, I was extremely excited. Kate is such a dynamic character to play and I am looking forward to the challenge."

Mackenzie enjoys seeing everything pull together at the end.

"I love that part of the production where I remember how it was in the beginning and see the end result. The whole process is exciting."

Even more of a surprise for people who go to see the show will be the new seats being placed in Beeghly Theater. These seats are a bit wider than the older ones and should be much more comfortable.

Opening night for Kiss Me Kate will be Nov. 10, and will continue through Nov. 14, 2004.

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Dancing the night away

Students got away from campus for a few hours to enjoy a cruise on Pittsburgh's rivers last Friday night. The dance is an annual event sponsored by CPC.

TitanNet

How does TitanNet compare to others?

from page A-1

When asked about the information systems program at Seton Hall University, sophomore Megan Kustra was not pleased. "Our system is very prone to viruses and getting our computers fixed is a hassle because of long lines at technology services," Kustra said.

Westminster is not alone in the antivirus requirement. Gannon University has a similar program. "You have to install the university's antivirus client prior to them allowing you to access the network," said Ryan Gurtner, a freshman at Gannon. Rochester Institute of Technology also requires an antivirus program to be installed.

Some colleges, such as Geneva, have implemented fines in order to ensure that their students' computers are up-to-date and virus free. According to Geneva's Policy for Safe Student Computing, students must update their computers through Windows Update within two weeks of arriving on campus and have antivirus software installed and up-to-date. The college's technology services, comparable to Westminster's information systems, then performs regular inspections of student computers to make sure that updates are installed and the antivirus software is current.

If a student's computer is not up-to-date, the student must make an appointment with Geneva's help desk to have his computer updated by their help desk staff. This update appointment "may take three weeks or longer," according to their policy. Failure to comply with any part of the policy results in fines of at least $100 for the first offense, with increasing fines for repeated offenses.

Westminster's network storage, the R and N drives, allows students, faculty and staff to save their documents and projects on a server so that they can access these same files from another computer, such as a lab machine. These drives are connected when a user logs on to the network.

"I never save anything to my hard drive anymore since the fire that [the Career Center] had a while ago. The N drive is irreplaceable for me," said Janet Waugaman, assistant director of the Career Center.

At SRU, however, according to their help desk Web site, if a student wants access to his or her network storage, the student must contact a "Resident Network Assistant" to set up the connection for them.

Many students on campus have problems registering. Problems this year included "unknown user" messages and ports not being enabled to access the external Internet. These problems were fixed as soon as they were discovered.

As with any computer program, there can be bugs. This summer, information systems authorized the help desk to conduct an open beta test to try to eliminate bugs in the system before the program was released to the student body. Students of varying computer abilities from around the area were asked to come to the Hoyt Science Center and bring their computers so that they could install a pre-publishing, working version of TitanNet.

After installing this "beta version" of TitanNet, the students were asked their opinions on the new help system and other workings of the installation program.

"As a beta tester, I got to see the progress from the point I tested it to the point I installed the finished product on my computer. There was a lot more help and the interface was greatly improved," said junior Bill Penwell, who was one of the about 15 beta testers.

"The test went well, and the problems we found were able to be fixed," said freshman Laura Sahar, who was another one of the beta testers.

"This year, information systems authorized the first ever open beta test of the TitanNet Self-Connect Kit to get a better idea of how students use the software and how the software interacts with different computer configurations. The tests were successful, except on computers using unsupported operating systems," said information systems student staff member Geoff Zimmerman.

Many students experience problems because of the operating system installed on their computer. Operating systems that the college supports include Windows(r) 98 Second Edition, Windows(r) 2000 Professional and Windows(r) XP Professional Edition. As in the past, Windows(r) ME and XP Home Edition are not supported. This year, due to compatibility issues, Windows(r) 98 First Edition is not supported.

"Next year, we will not allow Windows(r) 98 (any edition) or Millennium Edition (ME) to connect, because of a need to move to more stable systems. Those operating systems are old. Also, it is easier for information systems to support only a handful of different operating systems," added Zimmerman. "The more operating systems we have to support, the more complex support and the installation CD become."

There is a rumor on campus that every student may be required to pay the college computer vendor to install the software on the CD professionally. "We currently have no plans to do this," comments Stanton Fleming, coordinator of user and desktop services for the college.

"Information systems really doesn't want to cause problems for people; we just don't have the resources to provide support for all the students in the dorms," said Zimmerman. "We want to make sure we have a stable and secure network. The only way to do that is to ensure that each PC is set up correctly. That's where either the self-installation CD or the college vendor come into play."

Many students feel that the help desk should be able to solve all their installation issues. According to information systems, this is not the case. The primary function of the help desk is to help Westminster's faculty and staff.

"The purpose of the help desk since its inception has been to service college-owned computers in classrooms, labs and offices, to assist with cabling and network port issues, and to respond to users' questions about campus licensed software applications for academic and administrative use," said Stanton Fleming. "The help desk has not been staffed to support all students' personal PCs, so configuring student machines for the network is not a service of the help desk."

Fleming sent out a campus-wide e-mail containing tips for those having problems with the TitanNet Self-Connect Kit CD or registration.

"We are working aggressively on solutions to problems that occur on our end," Fleming said. "If you have problems with your own PC, you can get assistance from the College vendor or students willing to do the work. In the meantime, remember that there are five computer labs where you can go to do work, so coursework should not be affected."

"The best advice I can offer is to people wanting support: please be patient and polite. We are working to the best of our abilities," said Zimmerman.

Renovations

Campus sees more renovations

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In addition to the work in the auditorium itself, the grant covered new lighting for the art gallery, a handicap access ramp allows those who are disabled easier access to the bathroom facilities in Patterson Hall and a new elevator for easy movement of equipment.

Another completed project was phase two of the plan to provide fire suppression sprinklers in the buildings. Phase two included Browne, Galbreath, and Shaw halls. The baseball and soccer fields also got new scoreboards, Galbreath received new carpeting, and both Galbreath and Shaw halls got new stairwell tiles. All of the buildings received new recycling bins. Old Main room 109, which has become Dean Mann's office, was renovated, along with rooms 101 and 102. The Ivy on the side of Old Main was cleared away so that the mortar can be fixed.

The dining hall has also undergone a renovation of sorts. The electrical in the dining hall was rearranged so that the serving venues in the dining hall could be moved.

"We wanted to get the salad and deli bars out of the dining room as well as move Pizza and International. We decided on this configuration for a couple of reasons, one of them being proximity to the kitchen. We hope to be able to serve everyone better now that International and the salad and deli bar are next to the kitchen," said food service director Jeffrey Creveling. These stations can now be found in the back of the cafeteria, where the TUB was temporarily housed during the construction of the student center.

The next major renovation project, now that Orr has been taken care of, is the Old Main Memorial. The current Old Main is the third Old Main in Westminster history and was built in 1929 after the second was destroyed in a fire in 1927. A committee chaired by Dean Mann and Ken Romig, and campus representatives and contractors, is trying to define the scope of the project by the end of September. The committee must decide what to do with the $3 million budget f

"Student tuition plays no part in this budget, Dean Mann said, "We will be paying for this through fundraising which includes donations from the Caroline Knox Foundation, alumni donations, and a challenge grant from a Pittsburgh foundation that will match $1 million in raised funds."

According to Dean Mann, students will not see the majority of the work done in Old Main once it is done. They are mainly concerned with building codes, which includes fire suppression systems and new electrical systems. Their second concern is making the Old Main building handicap accessible. Most of the heavier work will take place over winter and summer breaks, and any work done during the school year will be done in the evening so that class time isn't disrupted.

"We're trying to keep Old Main preserved so that it'll be good for the next 75 years," said Committee Co-chair Ken Romig.

After Old Main, the next major renovation planned is the McGill Library.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 71°	High 74°	High 71°	High 74°	High 75°	High 76°	High 76°
Low 53°	Low 51°	Low 54°	Low 55	Low 54	Low 55	Low 54
Morning rain, then some sun	Times of clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun	Patchy a.m. fog, then some sun	Times of clouds and sun	Times of sun and clouds

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:05 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Sunday	7:06 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Monday	7:07 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Tuesday	7:08 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Wednesday	7:09 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	11:32 a.m.	9:31 p.m.
Sunday	12:47 p.m.	10:07 p.m.
Monday	2:02 p.m.	10:54 p.m.
Tuesday	3:12 p.m.	11:51 p.m.
Wednesday	4:12 p.m.	none

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 13

Weather History

Honolulu, Hawaii, has never been hotter than the 95 degrees it reached on Sept. 19, 1994. People believe that if an area is known for its tropical climate, then the heat must be extreme.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	71	52	c	74	52	pc	74	57	pc	74	56	r	75	57	r
Butler, PA	70	54	r	70	52	pc	70	52	pc	73	55	sh	74	56	sh
Cambridge, OH	72	54	c	74	54	r	74	56	pc	76	55	sh	77	56	sh
Canton, OH	71	53	c	73	52	pc	74	56	pc	74	55	r	75	57	r
Cincinnati, OH	78	58	c	76	58	c	78	60	pc	80	60	c	80	60	c
Clarion, PA	69	50	r	69	49	pc	71	52	pc	71	54	sh	72	53	c
Clarksburg, WV	69	55	r	72	52	r	73	54	sh	72	54	r	76	53	pc
Cleveland, OH	70	57	c	74	57	pc	74	59	pc	76	58	r	74	59	c
Columbus, OH	74	56	c	75	59	pc	78	61	pc	78	59	sh	79	59	sh
Cumberland, MD	68	57	r	68	52	r	70	55	sh	72	56	sh	75	55	sh
Erie, PA	68	58	r	69	56	pc	75	58	pc	74	58	r	73	59	sh
Franklin, PA	69	52	r	69	50	pc	71	52	pc	71	54	r	72	54	sh
Greensburg, PA	71	54	r	73	53	r	74	56	pc	74	57	r	76	56	c
Greenville, PA	71	52	r	72	52	pc	72	57	pc	74	55	pc	74	54	pc
Grove City, PA	68	52	r	70	52	pc	72	55	pc	72	55	pc	73	54	pc
Hagerstown, MD	69	58	r	69	55	r	69	55	sh	71	57	pc	75	57	sh
Indiana, PA	71	52	r	75	52	r	76	58	pc	77	58	r	74	57	c
Jamestown, NY	65	50	r	68	51	pc	66	53	pc	68	54	r	70	53	sh
Kittanning, PA	71	54	r	74	54	c	74	58	pc	75	57	sh	75	57	sh
Lisbon, OH	72	53	r	73	53	pc	73	58	pc	75	56	r	76	55	sh
Mansfield, OH	70	50	c	71	55	pc	75	57	pc	74	57	sh	75	56	pc
Marietta, OH	71	60	r	73	60	r	77	59	pc	78	56	sh	78	57	pc
McKeesport, PA	70	54	r	72	52	r	72	54	pc	74	56	c	77	57	c
Meadville, PA	69	52	r	70	53	pc	72	56	pc	73	56	r	72	55	sh
Morgantown, WV	72	56	r	72	57	r	75	57	c	75	54	r	76	57	pc
New Castle, PA	71	54	r	73	53	pc	71	56	pc	74	56	pc	75	56	pc
Oil City, PA	68	51	r	70	51	pc	73	53	pc	72	55	sh	73	54	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	73	57	r	73	55	r	75	55	pc	75	55	pc	75	57	pc
Sharon, PA	71	52	r	73	51	pc	72	56	pc	74	55	pc	75	55	pc
Somerset, PA	64	52	r	64	50	r	65	53	sh	66	54	sh	70	53	pc
Steubenville, OH	68	53	r	72	53	r	74	57	pc	74	56	sh	75	56	sh
Uniontown, PA	67	54	r	71	54	r	73	55	c	75	53	r	76	54	pc
Warren, OH	71	52	r	72	52	pc	72	57	pc	75	56	r	75	55	sh
Washington, PA	68	52	r	70	50	r	74	53	pc	73	52	r	75	54	c
Waynesburg, PA	67	54	r	70	53	r	73	55	pc	74	53	r	75	56	pc
Wheeling, WV	67	52	r	72	53	r	75	57	pc	74	57	r	75	55	sh
Youngstown, OH	71	52	r	72	51	pc	71	57	pc	74	55	r	75	55	sh
Wooster, OH	70	51	c	71	53	pc	74	53	pc	75	52	r	75	54	c
Zanesville, OH	71	55	c	73	58	c	78	55	pc	76	56	r	78	56	sh

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Tennis team dominates to take double victories

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans were able to rebound from their loss to rival Grove City by dominating Frostburg State this past weekend. The Titans came out the victors by posting a 7-2 win. This improves their record for this young season to 1-1.

Four of the Lady Titans were double winners. Senior Amy Caliguiri won at #1 singles; she was teamed with sophomore Sara Belsito for #1 doubles. The defending PAC doubles champions were also in mid-season form as senior Beth Grubbs and senior Amy Browell easily handled their opponents at #3 doubles. Grubbs and Browell also won at #4 and #5 singles respectively.

The next day, the Titans took on Washington and Jefferson in a PAC match up. It may have been a different day but the result still the same. The lady netters defeated W & J by posting another 7-2 victory. This impressive win improves their record to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in PAC play. The awesome freshman duo of Dana Larson and Christina Commisso won at number two doubles. Larson went on to win at number two singles while Commisso won at number six singles. Senior Beth Grubbs and senior Amy Browell handled their opponents in number three doubles. Grubbs went on to win at number four singles, where Browell won at number five singles.

"I am very excited about the way that we played, especially since we have a lot of younger players and some new combinations when it comes to doubles," said Grubbs. "I think that we are off to a good, strong start and now we just need to keep the momentum going. I feel good; [just] about everyone is in a good spot to be the best at that position."

The Lady Titans next face PAC member Bethany College at home.

Sports Honors

Football

Junior center B.A. Lambie has been named Offensive Titan of the Week. Lambie was honored for his play on the offensive line, including helping senior running back Scott Froelich post the 20th 100-yard rushing game of his career.

Junior defensive back Tom Froelich was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week. Froelich recorded six solo tackles, including two for losses, while adding three pass breakups and a blocked punt against the Gators.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels was senior defensive back Clint DeLuca. DeLuca, who posted game totals of six total tackles (four solo, two assisted) and a pair of pass breakups, was honored for his play on the Titan coverage and return teams.

Women's Tennis

Westminster College women's tennis standout Bethany Grubbs has been named Women's Tennis Player of the Week by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) for the week ending Sept. 12, 2004.

Grubbs, a senior, posted a 4-0 record last week (2-0 at #4 singles, 2-0 at #3 doubles with classmate Amy Browell) while leading the Lady Titan netters to a pair of victories over Frostburg State (7-2) and PAC rival Washington & Jefferson (7-2).

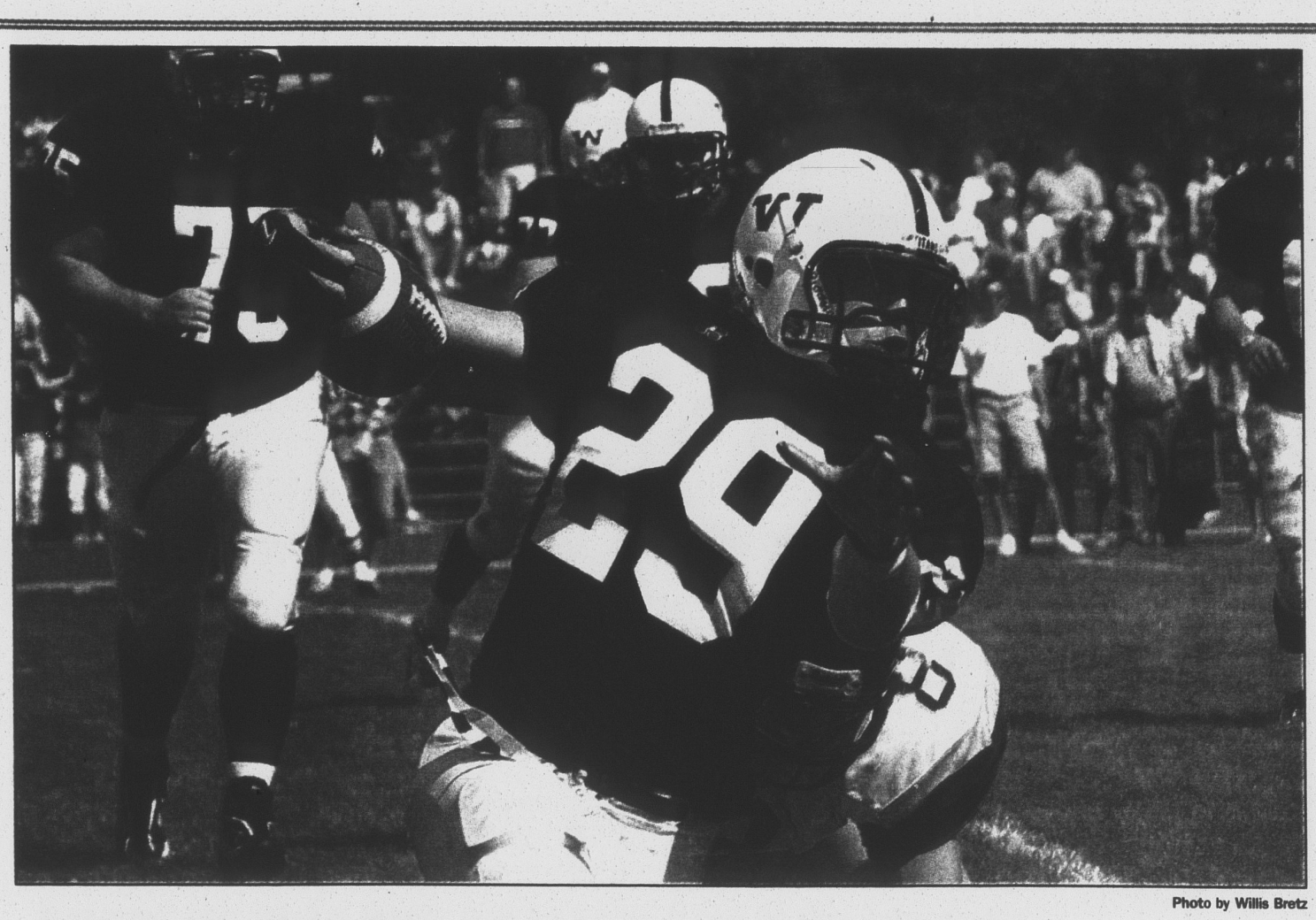


Photo by Willis Bretz

Scott Froelich fights against an Allegheny tackle last Saturday to move the Titans further downfield.

So close, yet...

Titans lose home opener 21-14 in double OT to Allegheny

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Titan football team lost a non-conference contest to rival Allegheny College in double overtime by the score of 21-14.

The loss drops the Titans to 0-2 on the season.

Despite dominating the Gators in the first half, the Titans carried a mere 6-0 lead into halftime.

"The fact that we dominated the first half offensively and did not manage to score touchdowns was definitely a factor in our loss," senior wide receiver Brian Ekis said.

Ekis stressed that with the Titans not scoring touchdowns, the Gators trailed, but were able to maintain a level of comfortability: "Allegheny was able to go into halftime feeling relatively comfortable with where they stood after a poor first half performance."

The game was a tale of two halves. In the second half, the Gators posted two touchdown scores to carry a 14-6 lead with ten minutes left to play.

However, with three minutes remaining on the game clock, sophomore quarterback J.R. Barley tossed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Ekis, making the score 14-12.

Senior running back Scott Froelich punched in the two-point conversion attempt to tie the game at 14, sending it into overtime.

Each team failed to convert in their first overtime possessions. After Allegheny scored to take a 21-14 lead, the Titans threw a third-down interception to end the game.

Despite the loss, the Titans showed improvements from their week one effort against Ohio Northern, in which they lost 31-0.

An All-American candidate, Scott Froelich paced the Titans' offensive attack with 120 yards on 27 carries.

Ekis posted the Titans lone touchdown, while finishing the day with nine receptions for 141 yards.

Barley tallied 18 completions on 28 attempts, throwing one touchdown and two interceptions.

Senior defensive linemen Don Waldron and Tony Ventresco led the Titan defense. Waldron posted nine tackles and Ventresco recorded 1.5 quarterback sacks.

As a unit, the defense showed signs of big play capability. The defensive backfield played solidly as sophomore defensive back Joey Tissler and junior defensive back Tom Froelich combined for five pass breakups.

Sophomore linebacker Matt Knight contributed one interception, one pass breakup, and 0.5 quarterback sack.

"Our defense has grown throughout camp and throughout the past two games," senior linebacker Tommy Kaminski said. "I always say that we're [the defense] like a loaded gun, because when we're working together and doing what we need to, we're a deadly weapon."

Achieving cohesiveness will only pay dividends for the Titans on both offense and defense.

As Scott Froelich, Ekis, and Barley lead the offense, the Titans will achieve great success when the rest of the unit begins to follow suit.

"Scott, JR, and myself are the key guys to this offense but we will put up the best numbers and the most points as the offense comes together as a whole," Ekis said.

"We haven't found our niche just yet because we have a very young offensive line," junior long snapper Tom Heath said. "We're tightening up the screws though. We look for Hiram to be a break out week for us."

Kaminski emphasized that by playing as a unit, the defense will begin to succeed: "Playing together and as an intense unit can only help people become great players and great playmakers, which is what is beginning to happen."

With two losses to open the season, the Titans will look to rebound and earn their first win of the 2004 campaign when the Hiram College Terriers visit New Wilmington on Sept. 18.

Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. at Burry Stadium.

Soccer teams both collect first losses

By Fred Gadwaski
Sports Writer

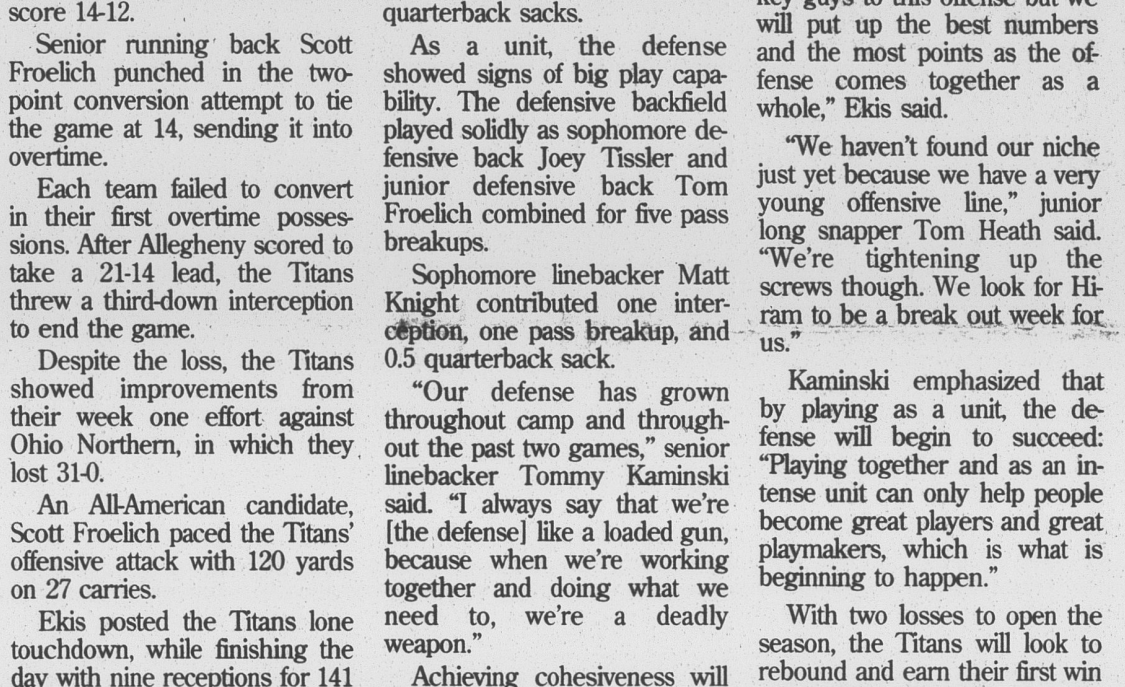
The men's soccer team looked to improve their overall mark to 3-0 for this year and did so by downing Pitt- Bradford 4-1 in a non-conference match up.

Not even the horrible conditions could stop the Titans from racking up another win. Sophomore Blake Ordell once again had an impressive showing by netting his third goal of this young season in as many games.

The senior leadership then came through as Seniors Sebastian Driver, Zach Saxman and Nick White all scored goals for the undefeated Titans.

Well, the sun may have been out this time, but it was still raining goals as the Titans blanked Penn State- Behrend 2-0 in a non-conference match up. This win bumps the Titans record up to 4-0, with many more wins to come. It was a new face this time that aided in the Titans victory, as Freshman Andrew Saporito scored both goals.

The sophomore stand out goalie Anthony Beilstein once again played a magnificent game. Beilstein has now totaled three shutout victories in the first four games. The Titans now turn their attention to non-conference foe Point Park.



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Penn State Behrend manuevers past by the Titans in the opening minutes of overtime to win the matchup.

The Lady Titans were back in action this past weekend facing PAC rival Thiel College. Just like the men, the women were able to increase their overall record to 3-0 and 1-0 in the PACs with a 5-0 shutout.

So far this year, the Lady Titans have severely beaten their opponents into submission, by not even allowing a goal and scoring fifteen of their own. This time, the first half damage was done by sophomore Courtney Thompson, senior Angie DePascal and freshman Olivia Wilkerson. The second half was all the same story. Senior Katie Fisher and Sophomore Christa Andamasaris added two more goals as the Lady Titans rolled on to victory.

Well, all-good things must unfortunately come to an end and the same was true for the Lady Titans. They suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of Penn State- Behrend in OT. The final was 1-0. This heart breaker drops the Lady Titans' record to 3-1, however they still remain undefeated in the PACs at 1-0. The streak also came to an end for senior Titans keeper Nicole Drummond, who was scored upon for the first time all season.

The ladies now look to rebound as they face PAC rival Washington and Jefferson at home.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

America's past-time...tailgating?

The beginning of the NFL season is always an exciting time of year. Here on campus the Browns and Steelers rivalry is sparked, and on Sundays everyone huddles around the TV and watches the games from start to finish. It is truly an exciting time of year.

However, there has always been some sort of argument as to what exactly is America's past time. Many of you out there see this question as a no-brainer: baseball of course. Others however feel that football is more of America's past time, considering that the game was invented here in the good ole' U.S.A. I feel that neither of these is correct.

There is one event that goes on at every sporting event from football to baseball to NASCAR; the event is Tailgating. I do not know one person who hasn't ever gone to a sporting event, college or professional, where there isn't someone tailgating.

This to me is one of the single, most incredible phenomenon that occur in parking lots outside stadiums across the country. This is truly one of the last great American neighborhoods. Here, everyone is excited to see one another, permitting that you are wearing the same team colors, no one locks their doors, and everyone loves to share food, fun and sports. Tailgating is for everyone. It truly is a community social.

While reading this, I am sure all of you are recalling some sort of memory from your childhood, standing in a parking lot with you dad, uncles, grandparents and friends outside a major sporting even. I know on a personal level, one of my favorite things to do is to tailgate. You just can't beat it.

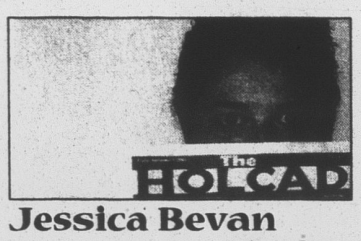
The one place where I feel stands out on Saturday mornings in South Bend Indiana is at the University of Notre Dame. This is a place that is full of athletic tradition that is also incredibly fan friendly. There are so many things that lead for a booked weekend at Notre Dame. I recommend going on a Friday evening to kick the weekend off. The first thing to do is to attend a pep rally. On Saturday morning, setting up early is most important. Finding the ideal location to tailgating is a big part. After the camp has been settled, walk around and soak up the environment. Go and see the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, the Hesburgh Library with the famous "Touchdown Jesus," and finally the Basilica and the famous gold dome of Notre Dame.

No matter where you tailgate, there are some very simple rules to follow, set by the commissioner of tailgating, Joe Cahn. First, dress in your team colors. Make sure you wear a jersey or some article of clothing with your team name on it. Next, plan your menu at least a few days in advance, so you can avoid rushing around at the last minute. One way to eliminate confusion is to make a list of all the things you need. On game day, make sure that you arrive at least 4 hours before the start of the game. Finding the perfect parking location is important. When the perfect spot is located, fly a flag so your friends can find you and decorate your area for your team. This is when the fun begins. Make sure that you meet your neighbors and let the party begin. Also, after you are done make sure you clean up after yourself.

In closing, I encourage all of you to tailgate as much as you can. Whether it is here on campus or at a professional event, you just can't beat it.

Arts & Entertainment

Preoccupied with 1995



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

This past Wednesday, I went to a concert. Whoop-ity-doo, you may be thinking. But as with most events in my life, I can find some way to relate it to the Holcad.

It's a true gift, I know.

What got the old hamster spinning the wheel, however, was who I went to see – The Toasters. Not familiar with them? I like to call them the godfathers of the New York ska scene. They've been around forever ("forever" in The Sandlot kind of way).

Seeing these guys reminded me of all the cool music I used to listen to. And made me hungry for more of the stuff I was in to, circa the mid-1990's.

I have to wonder what psychologist's theory, probably one of Freud's, that makes us nostalgic and want to revert to the cultural things we surrounded ourselves with years ago. It's not like tenth grade was something to write home about. Fifteen is a ridiculous age. We were just plain weird, in one way or another, whether you're willing to admit it or not. Yet, I've been in the mood for all of the music and movies from days of yore.

Now, before I start marching onto Laura Zorch's Feature-territory, let's get back to the land of A&E.

Just like our parents try to make us listen to Led Zeppelin or the Stones, we're going to make our kids listen to Dave Matthews or Nirvana. And just like I was made to watch reruns of M*A*S*H when I was younger, you can bet I'm going to make my kids watch Buffy the Vampire Slayer, My So-Called Life, and Daria.

God, I'm starting to sound like Travis from Clueless (Remember, "tardiness is not something you can do on your own.").

The grand point today is that I have a greater appreciation for these older shows, bands, and movies now.

I'm well aware that I reference a lot of crazy things from years gone by. I mean, I've called The Matrix a "bogus journey." But that just proves their longevity – and relevance.

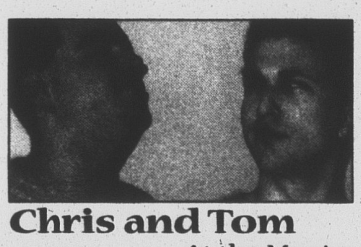
For example, how many lines from Mean Girls can you quote off the top of your head? Okay, now how many lines from another school-themed comedy, oh, say, Billy Madison, can you quote?

I'm betting most of you can recite the whole movie, word for word. And I'm not saying Billy Madison is a superior movie – I thought Mean Girls was fantastic – but because we grew up with Billy Madison and have seen it umpteen times, it is going to have a stronger presence throughout our movie-quoting lives than a lot of newer films (O'Doyle rules.).

Example number two: Ever go to Barnes and Noble, and on a fluke, check out the young adult section to see if there's a new Fear Street book? No? Just me? Well, guess what... R.L. Stine doesn't write those anymore! Those books were ten times better than any of the stuff that is being churned out today for that age group.

I think I'm just going to step away from the computer and go read some old Christopher Pike books, out on a Gin Blossoms CD, and watch Beetlejuice.

Hero and Cellular get Fall off on the right foot



Chris and Tom
At the Movies

Not since Ang Lee's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon has a foreign film seen this much American success.

The previous two weeks have seen a relatively odd trend in the box office. A Jet Li film has reigned as the Hero for Miramax. This Li film, however, is a foreign film. Not since Ang Lee's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon has a foreign film seen this much American success.

More surprising is the fact that this movie is actually two years old and was a Best Foreign Film Oscar nominee at that time. What took this movie so long to reach American intact? Well, quite fitting for this movie it was a two word phrase. Much like words 'our land' are the key to Hero, it seems "Quentin Tarantino presents" has been the key to the film's financial success.

The story tells of the last days when China was broken into seven lands. A hero called Nameless (Li) has defeated the three assassins who have threatened the King of Qin's chances for a unified China. Nameless is called to be honored by the King, and in telling the story of the events, many versions of truth unfold until the audience learns the true meaning of the picture.

The film features some of China's premiere stars, such as Jet Li, who is fairly well known to American audiences, as well as the talented Zhang Ziyi, who was robbed of an Oscar nomination for Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon four years ago. However, this film truly belongs to Tony Leung and Maggie Cheung, as the mighty warriors Broken Sword and Flying Snow. Leung and Cheung are basically the most popular couple in Chinese cinema, with comparisons to the popularity of the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan team in America. They have appeared in so many films, it is rare to see one without the other, and trust us their partnership is a gift to film fans everywhere. Their performances wring true emotions in century old characters, which is not an easy task. They make the story completely believable and allow the audience to find connections with these warriors.

While the acting stands out, nothing is more obvious to the viewer than the film's attention to color. Each "act" of the story features a different focus of color that is representative of the mood and message of that portion of the film.

Most notable is the initial red sequence, which culminates in what could be the most beautiful shot in recent film history. An autumn battle that begins in yellow and ends washed in the purest of reds. Each color compliments the story perfectly and is a real treat to watch. Most movies use color to emphasize their story, but in Hero color takes the options a film as art to a different level rarely seen.

Hero is a movie that might be overlooked, not due to anything wrong with the film but to the fact that for technical reasons it may not receive any Oscar attention this year. This is a shame because not as many people will see this movie as they should. It is for this reason that we beg you to go out and enjoy art at its finest.

Hero has become not only a hero to China, but to American cinema itself, saving us for the boring year we've had. For this we'd like to give out our first A of the school year.

Hero, however, is not the only film that seems like it may not get the attention it deserves. Judging by box office, Cellular, which opened this weekend against Resident Evil: Apocalypse seems to be fighting a losing battle against its zombie enemy. While we have not seen Apocalypse, if it's anything like the original it'll be easy to pass up. Cellular on the other hand is a movie that does exactly what it should.

From the writer of Phone Booth, Cellular is the story of Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger), a woman kidnapped for apparently the wrong reason. With her family in danger, she uses her knowledge (she's a high school science teacher in fishnet stockings!) to reassemble the broken phone next to her. She connects on one call to an irresponsible youth in Ryan (Chris Evans). Reluctant at first to help, Ryan realizes he is her only chance of survival. Also investigating is Officer Mooney (William H. Macy), who had initially passed on Ryan's message from Jessica to someone else.

The story is simple and to tell any more would really give away most of the surprises the plot of the movie has. What we'd love to give away is the fact that this movie has some other surprises in store. One, the film is a non-stop ride of excitement. The movie opens with the backdoor getting kicked in and doesn't stop until the end.

Second, the acting is top-notch, especially from Basinger and Macy who really could have just walked through these roles. Finally, tongue-in-cheek humor, finger-pointing at the idiocy of our culture, and a surprisingly entertaining performance by Evans make this into a legitimately hilarious movie despite the serious nature of the story.

The movie as it stands is a simple old time B-movie that should have likely been ignored. Cellular, however, is a good example of why any movie can work if they just put a little effort into it. It won't win any Oscars, but then again it's not trying to.

Some faults in story and some continuity errors keep this from being an excellent movie, but it is as much pure fun you're going to have at the movies, especially since Oscar season starts in a few weeks. So go out and escape the worries of the world with this grade B+ movie.

Just be sure to turn off your phone before your Inspector Gadget ring tone disturbs everyone.

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WHERE: McKelvey Rm 255

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WHEN: **Tues. Sept. 21, 2004 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
WHERE: Orchard Street Café

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September 17, 2004
9:30 AM-3:00 PM Josten Ring Days — Table Outside Bookstore
4:00 PM-6:00 PM Meet the Greeks Intramural Competition: Three-Legged Kickball — Quad
8:00 PM - Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:00 PM-2:00 AM Titan's Tavern—MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

September 18, 2004
FAMILY DAY
9:30 AM-3:00 PM Josten Ring Days — Table Outside Bookstore
9:30 AM-10:30 AM Family Day Coffee with President Williamson — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
11:00 AM-1:00 PM Family Day Barbecue — Anderson Amphitheatre
2:00 PM Classic Film Series — MCC Mueller Theatre
8:00 PM CPC Presents: The Late Night Players (comedians) — MCC Club/Lounge
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

September 19, 2004
3:00 PM Dedication and Inaugural Piano Recital: Dr. Nancy Zipay DeSalvo, Steinway Artist — Orr Auditorium
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

September 20, 2004
7:00 PM Art Gallery Talk with Fred Carlson, president of the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators: "Myth, Legend and Folklore: Visions from the Collective Consciousness" — Art Gallery in Patterson Hall
7:00 PM Green Party Meeting — Patterson 228
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Minnesota at Philadelphia — MCC Club
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting — Patterson 113
10:00 PM-1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 21, 2004
Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee) for Returning and Transfer Students
12:40 PM-1:50 PM Biology Lunch/Speaker, Dr. John Robertson — Hoyt 152
5:15 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 116
5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255
6:00 PM Sexual Assault Workshop with Guest Speaker on Gender: Rebecca Butler — MCC Club/Lounge
6:00 PM-8:30 PM Sexual Assault Workshops — MCC Berlin Student Lounge/Club
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Diva, France, 1981 — MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10:00 PM-1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 22, 2004
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theatre
9:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 23, 2004
10:00 AM-1:00 PM Study Abroad Information Table — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:15 AM Eine Kleine LunchMusik Concert Series: Rachel and Gail Varine, Voice Performance — MCC Atrium
5:30 PM SADD Meeting - MCC Mueller Theatre
6:00 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231
7:00 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
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Last weeks's answers

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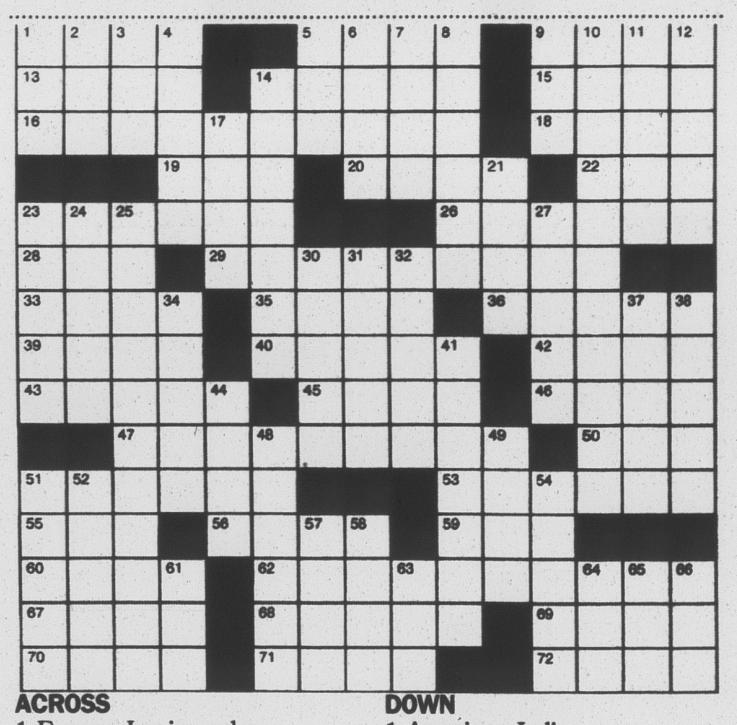

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Social or cultural events are exciting and fun. Enjoy activities designed to honor, study or celebrate a family tradition.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Pace yourself or practice moderation to ensure enough time to finish an important task. Improved communication will serve you well.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You might find yourself being pulled in several different directions. Focus and decide which goals or creative ventures are right for you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): To your surprise, a painful confession is met with acceptance. Do not be afraid to share a secret that you have kept from family.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Communication is your key word this week. Tackle a challenging intellectual problem or project with a timely exchange of questions and answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Welcome an opportunity to expand your financial base and realize a fiscal goal. Dare to be different and cash in on an unusual talent or idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): It is time to use your personal strengths. Take on a leadership role and deliver a rousing message to your peers and associates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Serenity, harmony and peace of mind are important to you. Quit the rat race and find a safe and quiet place to relax and hibernate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A meeting with an assortment of friends or associates sets the stage for an exhilarating and memorable event. Document your experiences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Opportunities in the professional realm can be inviting and enticing. Investigate the possibilities with a sense of adventure and enthusiasm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A quote or literary passage captures your attention and piques your curiosity. Ask your peers about it or research its origin at the library or on the Web.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It is best to cooperate with a partner or mate in a joint investment. Pool your resources and eliminate the desire to go it alone.

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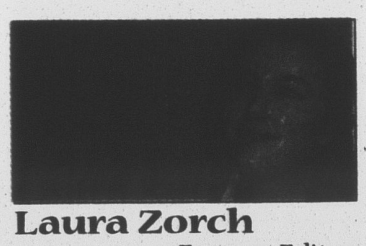

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

As I finish applying my extensive amount of makeup, I feel fabulous. I feel pretty, oh so pretty. My outfit is snazzy, every hair on my head is perfectly placed and my eyelashes are impressively curled. It is a rare occurrence in the world of Laura, trying to look good. And yes, I do believe I have succeeded. Well, at least I did believe I succeeded.

My once-in-a-great-while feat of hotness expires the minute I walk out into the world. You see, there exists on this planet people that induce nausea with their gorgeousness. It is these folk that squash any attempt at looking stellar. You know these peeps I am talking about.

You could emerge from your dorm wearing a prom dress and encounter someone wearing sweats that climbed out of the sewer minutes earlier, but still manages to look better than you.

I don't know if the same goes for all you fellows out there. But I'm sure you can relate. It would be like you standing in the middle of a rose garden, wearing a tuxedo, playing a guitar while handing out free chocolate, and some chump in a hole ridden t-shirt is still more appealing to all the ladies.

Now, let me set the record straight, I am in no way bashing these naturally attractive people. Truly it is not their fault for possessing near external perfection. Rather, it is my fault and the fault of every normal person that compares oneself to those that ooze surface splendor.

I do maintain that everyone is beautiful in his or her own way (just not burn your retinas out kind of beauty).

So what is one of only a regular allotment of good looks to do? Sadly, nothing. Our inferior level of hotness, although glorious in its own right, will never measure up even while dressed in our finest garbs.

However, we can find shallow gratification in knowing that the beautiful people will someday have unfortunate looking children. It is not possible for two gorgeous people to procreate and pop out a looker. The attractiveness of one person would inevitably cancel out the attractiveness of the other. Thus producing a tot that bystanders can only compliment with: "Oh, that's a... nice... baby."

OK, wishful thinking. Truly, we should all just flaunt our mediocrity. So what if the person next to you is model material? As previously mentioned, everyone is beautiful; and this column just turned into a Hallmark card. So before I start quoting Christina Aguilera lyrics, I'm out. Stay awesome.

Political Pong: Presidential military records

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

So even if you're not a political junkie, I'm sure you've at least heard of all the scandals concerning both Kerry and Bush's military records. Since we love our boys in uniform, military service has always been a point of interest concerning presidential candidates. Military DISservice, however, is much sexier for the cable news networks. So let's explore this topic in more detail. Just how important is a candidate's military experience when running for the office of President? Is it an implied requirement, an added bonus, or even a negative trait?

Before we indulge ourselves in this debate, we need some background on the military records of that whacky Senator from Massachusetts, John Kerry, and that wild Texas cowboy, President George W. Bush. Let's face it; John Kerry has worn his military endeavors on his sleeve ever since he jumped into the Presidential race. He served in Vietnam, was wounded in combat, and received three purple hearts. Granted, this is quite an admirable feat. Some of his critics, however, resent the fact that Kerry has played both sides, sometimes bravely recounting his time spent in military action, and other times reminding us all of his protest against the war when he returned. Things turned for the worst for the Kerry campaign when an independent group released the "Swift boat" ads, a set of commercials that question and discredit Kerry's actions that earned him his medals. Kerry and his staff have spent the majority of their time defending his record ever since.

Bush's service time in the National Guard has been one of controversy ever since the Democratic primaries. The accusations range from failing to appear for duty, refusing or failing a physical, and even the charge of his family's involvement in George's placement in the National Guard as opposed to service in Vietnam. Most recently, a former comrade has stepped forward producing documents that also question and discredit Bush's time in the Guard. Bush and his supporters point to the fact that he served for six years in the Guard and was honorably discharged as evidence refuting these claims.

Personally, I think Kerry's military record deserves to be scrutinized more than Bush's. And no, it's not because I'm a Republican and Georgie can do no wrong. It's because, in simple terms, Kerry asked for it. He might as well have donned his old uniform during his entire campaign. If you didn't know that John Kerry served in Vietnam and earned medals, you must have never turned off the Cartoon Network. When you base your entire platform on a particular event in your life, expect for it to be thoroughly scrutinized by the media. George didn't cling to his military record like Kerry, and although I'm not saying that Bush's military past shouldn't be analyzed, I don't believe that discrepancies within his own record will damage Bush's credibility like it will Kerry's.

So now to the big question. Is it important for our presidential candidates to have a military record, and should we delve into every nook and cranny of it to prove its legitimacy? I don't think so. Yes, military service often produces the best leaders, but the times are changing. These men, along with most of our former Presidents, served when the draft was in effect. With that gone, military experience seems to be a thing of the past. Today's presidential candidate should be considered for other qualities, such as his political experience, voting record, stances on the various issues, and the sexiness of his hair. In other words, forget how well these men served in uniform and start thinking how well they can serve in the Oval Office.

This week Jess and I decided to talk about an issue that has been making headlines all over TV networks and newspapers across the country, and that is the presidential candidate's war records. Now before I begin telling you why this should not even be an issue in this election let me remind you of the lengths that the Bush attack machine led by Karl Rove will go to.

In the 2000 Republican primary campaign, George W. Bush questioned the war record of another great American soldier. That soldier's name, you may ask? John McCain. Also, George W. Bush said former Senator Max Cleland "did not know the meaning of the word sacrifice." In case you don't know Max Cleland is a Vietnam veteran who no longer has his legs or one of his arms as a result of fighting in the Vietnam War.

Now that we know that Bush is capable of attacking other people's war records, let's take a look at the attacks Bush has leveled against Kerry. Recent ads released by 527 groups (these are groups not affiliated with either campaign that are privately funded and financed) have been attacking John Kerry's war record in Vietnam through the so called "Swift boat ads".

These ads feature veterans claiming that Kerry's wounds that earned him the Purple Heart were not serious wounds. Kerry, as well as John McCain, has asked Bush to denounce these ads.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Bush has refused to specifically denounce the swift boat ads, but he has agreed to denounce all 527 ads (including those sponsored by moveon.org, which attack President Bush).

The difference between the ads that moveon.org sponsor and the "Swift boat" ads is simple: the moveon.org ads attack President Bush's record as president, and the "Swift boat" ads attack Kerry's war record that happened 35 years ago.

Personally, I am for the candidates sticking to the issues. I really don't care that George W. Bush had his father pull some strings to get him into the National Guard during Vietnam because a lot of great men felt that Vietnam was an unjust war and found ways out of fighting.

Now I am not comparing Bush to the likes of great men like Bill Clinton or Howard Dean, but his war record is not that important to me.

What bothers me is that Bush sends other people's sons and daughters to war to fight without ever having been in a war time situation and then has the audacity to attack a brave soldier who fought for our country overseas and had the bravery to come home and try to end the war. If Bush was attacking Kerry's record in the Senate, I would have nothing negative to say, because that is politics.

You may be asking yourself, "What connection is there between Bush and the "Swift boat" ads?" Well Jess would tell you there is none, but that is why the Holcad brought me along, to give you the truth.

Recently, one of Bush's most trusted legal advisors, Benjamin Ginsberg, resigned after it was found that he was one of the main architects of the "Swift boat" ads.

To conclude, the "Swift boat" ads are nothing more than a failed attempt by the Bush administration to ruin John Kerry's character by trying to what they have done in the past; to discredit true American.

The Kerry campaign does not need to attack Bush's character, because the American people have already seen four years of character flaws such as lying, arrogance, and plain stupidity.

Get your Sopranos on at Chiccarino's in Hermitage

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

I've noticed that ever since the Sopranos have been introduced into the realm of pop culture, a lot of different factions of society have adapted the cool and hip mobster motif. My thought about this is that we should leave it out of the restaurants and up to Hollywood.

You may be scratching your head, wondering what the Sopranos have in common with this column. Well, this week I ventured to a little Italian restaurant in Hermitage that goes by the name of Chiccarino's.

Now I have to admit upon first glance, the outside of the building makes you feel like you should watch what you're saying and take an occasional glance over your shoulder.

Once you step foot inside of the restaurant, it's like you're part of the family, which isn't so bad if you don't mind laundering money and performing other various thug activities.

Anyway, the décor inside of the restaurant is what you would expect to find at any Italian restaurant (i.e. pictures from different parts of Italy, wine bottles, fake plastic grapevines, those stupid chubby angels, etc...). While you may find the decorations cliché and tacky, do not let them detract your interest in the restaurant – all of the good stuff is actually found in the menu.

Chiccarino's menu specializes in Italian foods, but the best part is that most of the items featured on the menu are made from scratch (unlike the Olive Garden, even though I praise and worship those sexy breadsticks).

The menu has quite a large range of items to choose from such as salads, pasta, seafood, sirloin, and homemade specialty pizzas. Chiccarino's standard menu offers an abundance of delectable and affordable items, but they also have an impressive list of daily specials (with the exception of Liver n' Onions...Ewww).

I highly recommend starting out with an appetizer because they are just that good, particularly the homemade fried mozzarella.

However, I feel obligated to warn you not to gorge yourself full of appetizers because you will need to conserve some room for your choice of the freshly tossed salad or soup that is included with your meal.

As far as the portions of meals are concerned, you are eating at an Italian restaurant. That means the portions are going to be huge.

I had the Chicken Françoise, which included three chicken breasts dipped in egg batter served with an olive oil and garlic sauce, with my choice of a baked potato, spaghetti, or French fries.

Needless to say, I was stuffed by the end of the meal, but if you still have room, they have what I would refer to as a "kick-ass" dessert menu.

I'm not going to lie, for once in my life I was too full for dessert, but had I not been full, I would have had the homemade cheesecake or the "Suicide Snicker" chocolate pie.

How Chiccarino's stacks up in the great scheme of the Twinkie scale? Before I give you the rating, I feel it is appropriate to recap my experience at Chiccarino's. My first impression was that this place was shady, but the service was fast and courteous, the portions large and filling, and the atmosphere, well I'll leave it up to you to judge.

My overall experience at Chiccarino's forces me to rate them three out of four Twinkies.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

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Borough defends new party ordinance

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

The New Wilmington borough council recently adopted a new ordinance to help borough police control unruly parties. What this ordinance means for the college students, however, seems to be widely misunderstood.

"A lot of people have misinterpreted this, and that includes the news media, that we're quote 'cracking down on parties'," said Police Chief Carmen Picarrillo.

"The ordinance was not passed to crack down on parties. The ordinance was passed to allow our police officers to better deal with the few problems that we get with very large parties and the few people who aren't compliant with orders to turn down noise or disperse or to stop engaging in activities dangerous to themselves or the public."

The new ordinance gives borough police two new possibilities when faced with an unruly social gathering. They can now cite the owners or primary tenents of the apartment or house if they refuse to shut down a party after having been requested to do so by the police. It also enables officers to cite all people present at an unruly gathering, rather than individually citing each person.

"This ordinance allows us to better deal with a large party when we have such a small number of police officers," the chief explains.

Student Affairs Executive Secretary and borough vouncil member Beth Brooks hopes that college students do not interpret this as a vendetta against them. According to Brooks, the ordinance applies to high school as well as college parties.

"I will support college students until they can no longer be supported," Brooks said. "We in borough council want our college students to be good neighbors. It's a part of a college education to be a part of a community. Hopefully, because of this ordinance, people will be better neighbors."

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photo by Willis Bretz

The Tavern restaurant in New Wilmington is up for sale upon owner Sandy Aquaro's retirement. An auction will take place in late October.

Going once, going twice...

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer

As a result of owner Sandy Aquaro's retirement, The Tavern restaurant in New Wilmington is up for sale. It will be auctioned off with the intent of keeping it a restaurant.

A staple in New Wilmington, The Tavern is very important to the college community. Aquaro says her biggest pool of workers is college students.

Junior Quay Rosengarth has been working at The Tavern since March of 2003. He plans on continuing to work there after it comes under new ownership; however, he is uncertain as to its future.

Rosengarth believes the impact this change will have on the community "depends on the new owner. If they change it [The Tavern] too much, I'm sure people won't be happy."

The college, along with all other area businesses and residents, will have the opportunity to participate in the auction, slated to take place sometime in late October. However, the college is not expected to be one of the bidders.

When asked about his interest in buying the restaurant, President R. Thomas Williamson said, "I think it is best for a college to stay within its area of expertise. We have a lot of land and we're not in need [of another building]."

Junior Colter McElree agrees, but for a different reason. "The Tavern has been a cornerstone in the community for years. Ever since the late 1800s it has had a prominent position in New Wilmington. It should keep its own identity."

The Tavern was built in 1855 as the residence of Dr. Seth Poppino. The home was converted into a restaurant by Cora Durrast in 1933.

The restaurant stayed in the Durrast family until 1997 when Mary Ellen Durrast, granddaughter of Cora, sold it to Sandy Aquaro.

Aquaro has owned and worked in the restaurant for the past seven years; however, she is now ready to retire. Although she is leaving the restaurant, she says she will always miss it.

"I am not an absentee owner. I have met a lot of wonderful people and customers. I have made friendships that will last."

Aquaro's last day of work is Sept. 20.

Sometime within the next month, the building, its contents and the land the building is on will be auctioned off by an undisclosed auctioneer.

Paying to print?

Research may lead to charges

By Sherri M. Slafka
Campus Writer

Students who frequently use the computer labs may have noticed a new icon on the bottom right side of the toolbar: a dollar sign. The question has arisen whether or not students may have to pay to print in the labs anytime soon.

The new icon is actually from a print management application that runs on the computer network. It is being used currently to provide information about the volume of printing here on campus.

Research has been done in the past few years to see if there's an excessive amount of unnecessary printing taking place in labs.

According to the Director of Information Systems, Paul Wallace, "In 2001, a study showed that an average total of 25,000 pages per week were being printed in the five public computer labs, and 39,000 pages were printed during the first two weeks of the fall 2004 term."

The Instructional Resources Council, which advises on library, computing, and audio visual resource matters, is trying to determine the amount of printing so that the cost of doing so can then be reduced.

The IRC feels students should print what is necessary for their courses, but "print responsibly." Reducing the excess amount of printing done on campus would cut costs and conserve waste.

Some students believe they should not have to pay for printing because they already pay a technical fee in the tuition bill. However, plans to pay for printing have not been set for this semester.

The IRC is simply gathering information at this stage by tracking the number of copies printed. With the information gathered, the IRC will discuss the printing situation and some alternatives.

For now, the dollar sign on the toolbar will indicate the last name of the person that is logged in, and will show a balance of zero.

If a program is implemented where students have a certain number that they must not exceed, then a dollar amount would appear. Once the amount reaches zero, a student could add money to their account in order to print more.

This system is similiar to other colleges that tell the students up front the amount of money they are allotted for printing each semester.

Right now, the IRC plans to continue gathering more information. There are two student members on the IRC board and no decision will be made on the issue without student input. Wallace assures that no charges will be implemented this term.

photo by Megan Sigler

A promise worth keeping

Senior Jaime Carter signs her name in a pledge to help stop sexual assault. The banner, sponsored by the Sexual Assault Task Force, hangs in the Orchard Street Cafe.

Opinion

Rant & Rave

Who left their underwear in our Nook?

Why wasn't there a picture of the girl who plays Kate in the Holcad? I hear she's hot!

YOU WANNA MAKE A BABY?

The grass is growing, the grass is growing..cut it again- PLEASE!

The Holy Trilogy on DVD is more powerful than I could have ever imagined.

Scorpions give me the willies.

Who keeps moving the Rant and Rave box? Leave it be!

I bought for $10 at OfficeMax what I could buy in the bookstore for $100.

Here we go! Pittsburgh's going to the Superbowl!

Why does Sodexho serve a pasta dish everyday?

Boom is not a good noise to hear right before the elevator moves!

Another victory for the blogosphere.

Goal #1 for Westminster students: Write better Rant and Raves!

Goal #2 for Westminster students: Write more Rant and Raves!

Let's see..it's either tacos, chinese, or pasta.

Macauly Culkin: Exposed!

A date party? Way to be original!

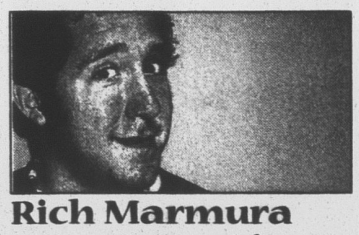
Come see Kiss Me Kate! I hear a really hot girl has the lead...

Imagine Ronald McDonald singing the Milkshake song.

Why do relationships always end in the fall?

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Stopping big fat Greek stereotypes



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Every year, without fail, there is someone who writes some "shocking" letter to the editor in which they spend several repetitive paragraphs moaning and complaining about how evil and terrible the Greek system is, while using every stereotype in the book to make their case (in the past I believe we the Greeks have been referred to the likes of "beer guzzling conformists"). And every year the Greeks get severely pissed off by what is usually an unprovoked attack on them. Well I figured that I would save everyone the trouble and possibly add another point of view (though in the long run, it may actually cause more disgruntled letters…). This week, let us examine the stereotypes of Greek life.

First off, one of the most basic arguments that some will make is that being in a Greek organization is nothing but paying for your friends. This argument is just plain ridiculous. Almost any organization you join will ask you to pay dues or purchase equipment, however, it seems that fraternities and sororities are held to a different standard than these groups.

If we apply this theory to all groups then the dues $50 dues I paid as a member of the Mortar Board Society or the $5 I will pay to join College Democrats is in reality me paying for my friends. Hmmm…I don't think so. In reality, Greek organizations, like all organizations have bills that need to be paid (insurance, mortgages, activity fees, national dues, etc…) and therefore dues allow all members to pay an equal share.

Another argument is that Greeks are nothing but snobby rich Abercrombie models. Anyone can tell that this is incorrect by simply looking at me. I am hardly wealthy or an Abercrombie model (perhaps a plus-size model…), and I hope that most do not view me as a snob. And while there may be some wealthy or, unfortunately, snobby folks in Greek life, they are also non-Greeks who fulfill these qualities and more.

Thus, Greeks, are no different than any "independent," as they were all once "independent." The fact of the matter is, Greek organizations are made up of many different types of people and offer some of the greatest diversity on campus. And though many blast fraternities and sororities for a lack of diversity, it is only fair to point out that Westminster is not exactly a bastion of diversity itself. The fraternities and sororities can only become more diverse if our campus community becomes more diverse.

Then there is the argument that fraternities and sororities are nothing but academic "drains on its members and the college". For those who buy into this argument, I ask merely that you ask student affairs for the break down of the average grades for each Greek organization/versus the "independent" average. I think that many will be surprised in the order in which many Greek organizations fall in academic ranking.

And now comes my favorite stereotype of Greeks; namely, that all fraternities and sororities do is party and drink. This is such a pathetic argument that it is hard to even know where to start! I question whether the many philanthropic events done at Westminster every year, by Greeks, mean anything to the community/campus?

It always seems that everyone is quite keen to point out the faults of the Greek system, yet no one seems to want to mention all the good that is done! What do they do you might ask? Well… Phi Kappa Tau raises money for the "Hole in the Wall Gang," which is a summer camp for children with cancer. Alpha Sigma Phi sponsors Relay for Life which, yearly at Westminster alone, raises thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society. Zeta Tau Alpha supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Theta Chi fraternity raises thousands each year for the American Red Cross and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Yet apparently, helping people with cancer, working with underprivileged children or raising funds for disaster victims are just more examples of those selfish, drunken Greeks.

And for all the complaining that is done about fraternity parties, we seldom here about the many other venues that are used for parties. Walk through Eichenauer on a Sunday morning and tell me how many empty beer cases and cans you find in the garbage. Show me an apartment complex that doesn't have alcohol containers of some sort sitting in the dumpster on a Monday morning.

If anyone truly believes that it was the Greeks who introduced alcohol or partying to this college, or any other college, they are sorely mistaken. At least with fraternity parties there is an added level of safety and responsibility that is absent from other non-Greek venues. With fraternity parties at least there is a required security guard and door watch policy with established risk managers to help monitor parties. Without the Greek system, parties and social gatherings would still happen, but they would occur in apartments or other venues without the added level of safety that only college-monitored fraternities can offer.

Speaking of social gatherings, I think it kind of ironic that while certain people constantly complain about fraternities and sororities, yet they will consistently be seen at one house or another each and every weekend. While I know that this is not the case with all students, there are a few total hypocrites who pull this crap week after week. You all know who I'm talking about. We all know that person that invokes all the stereotypes mentioned above, but will go to a fraternity event because "that's where my friends are…"

Harkening back to the first week of this article, please don't be that guy/girl who does nothing but rip on fraternities and sororities, but then constantly goes to their events and use their facilities. If you are going to make outrageous and degrading charges against a group of students, at least have the guts and conviction to not be a total hypocrite when all is said and done.

It is important to remember that the fraternities are homes, not night clubs. While they are all more than happy to have guests and events and good times, they are not raves or bars to be used at the whims of the campus community. Show some respect!

Thus if we look at the stereotypes of fraternities and sororities, we see that they are simply unfortunate stereotypes that are not always earned. But this brings me to the second part of this week's article. If the majority of Greek stereotypes are fairly inaccurate (especially at Westminster…), then why is there such a virulent anti-Greek sentiment among many? In the end, I believe it all boils down to the fact that there are many problems on campus and in the community and there are no easy answers to these questions, however, for political expediency, the Greek system is given the blame. It seems that there are problems that can't be fixed and the Greeks are often easy scapegoats.

For all the complaining that is done about the Greek system, when was the last time you heard a Greek say something to the effect of "stupid independents." I haven't heard it and I don't think many have. I think it is quite apparent that while many have problems with the Greeks, the Greeks for the most part do not have a problem with others.

Do I think there are issues that "independents" need to be concerned about? Of course! For one thing, do we really need to label people as "independents?" Labeling non-Greeks already puts them at an adversarial position against those in Greek life, which doesn't need to happen. Rather than calling students "independents," can't we just call them "people" or "non-affiliated students."

Once again, this week's article boils down to respect for others and for yourself. Be happy with the choices you make, but don't hold the choices of others against them.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We're writing in response to a "quiz" we received in our mailboxes a few days ago. For those of you who didn't receive it, many of us were given an anonymous paper in our boxes entitled "The Usher Quiz." The headline read,

"Have you ever cheated before? Yes. Don't sweat it. This time, instead of getting busted, if you can prove to us that you're the worst cheater on Westminster campus, you will receive a free CD or DVD of your choice."

The quiz proceeded to ask questions about how many times you've cheated, and why. I know the survey is meant to be funny. After all, how can you not laugh at the thought of someone actually being rewarded for being so shady? But when we stop and think about it, is cheating really something to laugh about?

Please know that this letter isn't directed at the mentality of our society as a whole.

We realize this survey may have been a joke, but that just proves our point: we've gotten to a place where we actually believe cheating is funny. If you've ever been cheated on, you can agree that it's one of the most hurtful and devastating things you could experience. It belittles you and makes you question your self-worth. When you're in a committed relationship, you've inevitably given a part of your heart to that person. (Girls, we're especially talking to you here).

When you've entrusted someone with your heart like that, it should be treated as a precious gift – not something that can be discarded or tossed aside.

Cheating is a game that shows total disregard for someone's heart. If you care about the person you're with, why would you ever put him/her through something like that? If you don't care about the other person enough to stay faithful, than you shouldn't be in that relationship in the first place.

Also think about this: if someone doesn't think cheating is a big deal while dating, what's going to stop that person from cheating in marriage? Old habits die hard. Now, in addition to jeopardizing the heart of your spouse, there could be children involved. What does that teach them about honesty, integrity, commitment, trust, and love?

Cheating destroys lives and families. It's scary to live in a society where faithfulness isn't valued and where cheating becomes accepted and actually rewarded. You may think we're overreacting. Usher probably does too, along with many others who've made money from songs and movies about unfaithfulness. All we can say is that when it comes to cheating, we're definitely not laughing.

Sincerely,
Leslie Underwood &
Leann Deem

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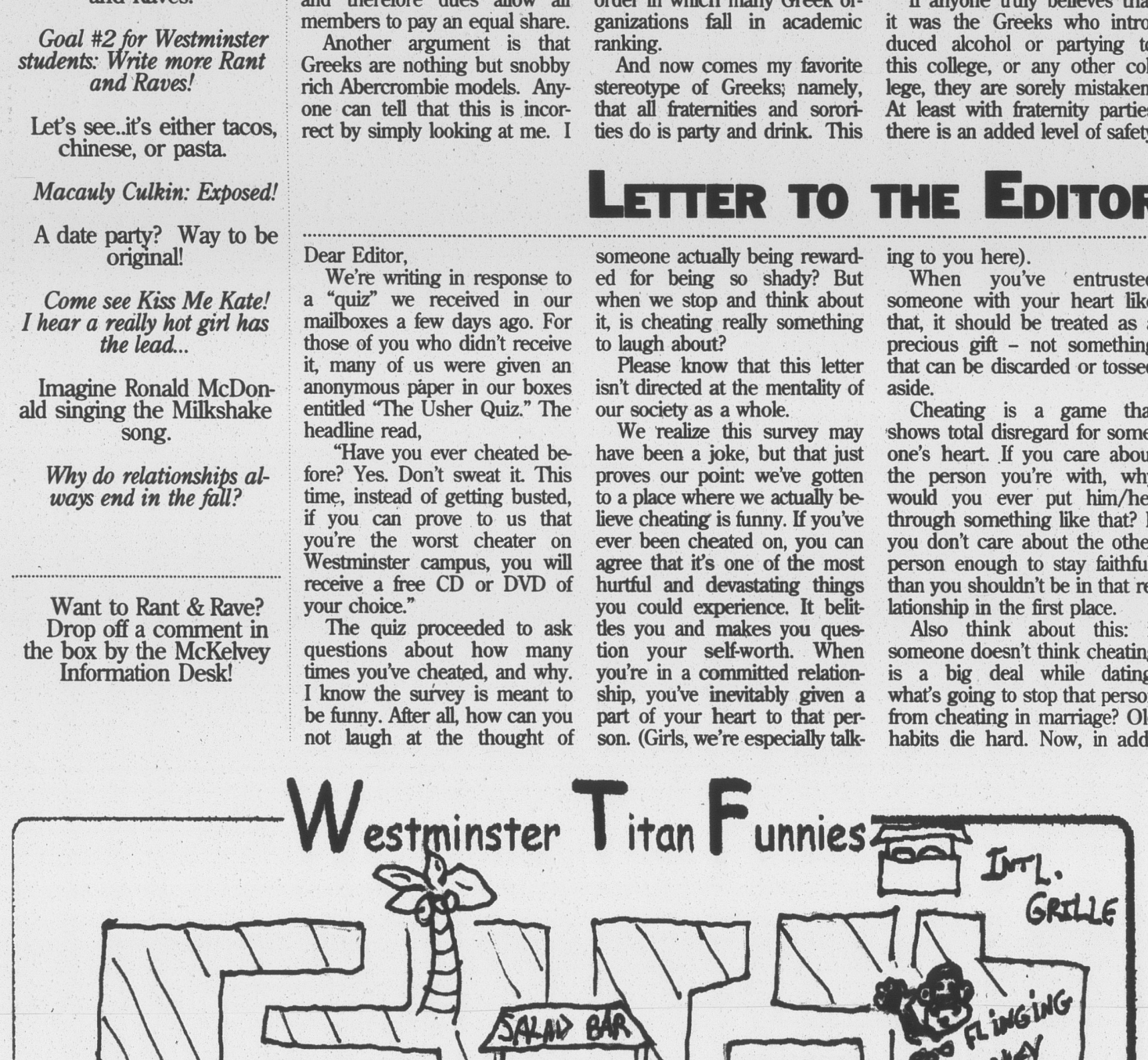

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Outside the Bubble

NATIONAL

As election nears, Bush, Kerry trade insults on plans for Iraq and military

By Terence Hunt
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KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. - President Bush mocked John Kerry's credentials to be commander in chief Wednesday, saying the way to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq "is not to wilt or waver or send mixed signals to the enemy." Kerry suggested that Bush, far from bringing American forces home, might instead bring back the military draft.

Answering a question about the draft at a forum with voters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Kerry said, "If George Bush were to be re-elected, given the way he has gone about this war and given his avoidance of responsibility in North Korea and Iran and other places, is it possible? I can't tell you."

Bush, trying to show a leadership contrast with his Democratic opponent, said on a campaign trip to battleground Pennsylvania: "I'm driven by my desire to protect the American people. I'll be steadfast in my resolve to do everything I can to make you secure."

Less than six weeks before the election, Iraq is increasing in prominence as a campaign issue, thrust to center stage by spreading violence, kidnappings, beheadings and the deaths of more than 1,000 U.S. troops. With Americans divided about the war, Bush is trying to keep voters focused on what he says are Kerry's conflicting statements rather than the daily bombings and bloodshed.

Back in Washington, Vice President Dick Cheney went before TV cameras on Capitol Hill to say Kerry's statements on Iraq and the war on terror showed "someone who lacks the resolve, the determination and the conviction to prevail in this conflict."

In that same vein, the Bush campaign put out a new television advertisement ridiculing Kerry on Iraq and other issues. It shows Kerry windsurfing left and right and says his positions shift "whichever way the wind blows."

The Democrats struck back with their own ad that says: "In the face of the Iraq quagmire, George Bush's answer is to run a juvenile and tasteless attack ad."

Kerry accuses Bush of creating a major crisis in Iraq with no prospect of an end. A number of U.S. troops have had their assignments extended because of the war, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other Pentagon officials have said repeatedly that reviving the draft would be neither necessary nor desirable. The Bush campaign called Kerry's comment irresponsible.

Bush campaigned Wednesday in the suburbs of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. It was his 37th visit to Pennsylvania, his top target in the presidential sweepstakes with 21 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win. Four years ago Bush lost Pennsylvania to Democrat Al Gore but polls show the race this year is close.

In between speeches, Bush was taking a helicopter tour of Allegheny County, where the remnants of Hurricane Ivan caused flooding that damaged or destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and public buildings.

On Iraq, Bush will meet at the White House on Thursday with Ayad Allawi, the prime minister of Iraq's interim government who has said the terrorists are being defeated. Bush cited Allawi as a witness to the wisdom of U.S. policy.

"These are critical times and I'm glad the prime minister is here to reinforce the strategy we have in place," Bush said. He said more Iraqis have electricity now than under Saddam Hussein and that more children are going to school and getting immunizations.

Criticizing Kerry, Bush said that "the way to prevail, the way toward successful conclusion that we all want, the way to secure Iraq and bring our troops home as quickly as possible is not to wilt or waver or send mixed signals to the enemy."

"My opponent is sending mixed signals," the president said. "He has had many different positions on Iraq."

Bush has linked Iraq to the more politically popular war against terror, and he suggested that Kerry was too wobbly to keep Americans safe.

"You cannot lead the war against terror if you wilt or waver when things get tough," the president said.

Kerry, his voice scratchy from a cold, said in Florida that Bush was divorced from realities in Iraq and ignoring the manhunt for terrorists in Afghanistan. "Osama bin Forgotten," Kerry said, referring to the al-Qaida leader, still missing three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Besides Iraq, Kerry focused on Social Security while campaigning in Florida.

"You cannot lead the war against terror if you wilt or waver when things get tough."

-President George W. Bush

His voice scratchy and breaking from a cold, Kerry said the president's proposal to give workers partly private Social Security accounts would end up hurting senior citizens.

"He's driving seniors right out of the middle class," Kerry said in a battleground state rich with voters keenly watching the candidates talk about two pillars of retirement, Social Security and Medicare.

"I will never privatize Social Security, ever," Kerry said, repeating promises not to raise the retirement age or cut benefits.

Kerry's two-day swing through Florida, which began Tuesday, followed deadly hurricanes that nearly halted polling and politicking in the state. Bush made his third campaign-season trip to the state this week to assess damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.

REGIONAL

Drunk driving law applies to jockeys too

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH - Pennsylvania's drunken driving law is unconstitutionally vague and can't be enforced _ at least against those on horseback, the state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

Justice Russell M. Nigro penned the majority opinion that stems from charges filed against two men in Mercer County in 2002.

Keith Travis, 41, of Grove City, and Richard Noel, 49, of Sandy Lake, were charged with drunken driving along with a man driving a pickup who allegedly rear-ended the horse Travis was riding away from a bar on a dark country road. Noel was riding in front of Travis on his own horse.

Noel, Travis and the pickup truck driver all failed field sobriety tests, police said, but a Mercer County judge threw out the charges against Noel and Travis after they argued that the word "vehicles" in the state's drunken-driving law doesn't apply to horses.

Prosecutors noted that the vehicle code specifically includes people riding animals, except for those provisions "which by their very nature can have no application." Because it is unsafe for a drunk person to ride an animal, just as it would be to drive a car, the prosecutors appealed, prompting Wednesday's decision.

But the majority justices relied on the logic in a similar case out of Utah, in which judges said such a statute is confusing and too vague about which regulations _ such as requirements for headlamps _ would apply to animals as well as vehicles.

The Associated Press couldn't immediately locate phone numbers for Noel, Travis and their attorneys. Mercer County prosecutors couldn't immediately be reached after business hours Wednesday.

Justice Michael Eakin issued the lone dissent.

"It is the 'rules of the road' that apply to the driver of the mustang and Mustang alike," Eakin wrote. "Here, an ordinary person of common intelligence would know that riding a horse while intoxicated would be a violation."

OFF CAMPUS

Heinz pours on the charm at Pitt voting drive

By Aaron Bruckhart
Pitt News Writer

Students flooded in as the rain poured down outside Friday, when Chris Heinz spoke in the ballroom of the William Pitt Union.

The College Democrats hosted a voting drive Friday evening, touting Heinz as the guest of honor. Though there were distractions like Oakland's finest Friday parties and monsoon-like weather, students came out in droves to see him speak.

They were greeted not only by soft drinks, popcorn and cotton candy, but also by Heinz, as he made himself accessible to the crowd for handshakes and pictures.

Heinz looked confident and relaxed in jeans and a black polo shirt, laughing and joking with the students who introduced themselves to him.

Opening the night for Heinz was State Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny County.

Wheatly's speech roused the crowd for Heinz, as he told the students to get motivated for this year's election.

"You're the generation that's going to make a difference," Wheatly said.

Then, introduced as one of People Magazine's 50 hottest bachelors, Chris Heinz took to the podium with a big smile.

"This probably isn't the first place you want to be on a Friday night," Heinz said, thanking everyone for attending.

He spoke to the packed ballroom about the importance of the election and the positive points of the Democratic Party.

"This really is the most important election of our lifetime," said Heinz, who is the stepson of presidential candidate John Kerry, D-Mass.

He went on to suggest why the Democrats would be good for the country.

"We have two things on our side," Heinz said. "One is the power of ideas. Two is idealism and integrity in our politics."

The first part of his speech underscored the lower points of Bush's administration, as he cited poor decisions dealing with the economy, health care and the environment.

"Right now, you can't eat the fish you catch in 28 states of this country," he said.

He then hit closer to home by bringing up the topic of college tuition.

"College tuition, right now, is up 35 percent nationally, with no plan to bring it back down," he said.

Heinz mentioned the idea of a program in which the government would pay for all four years of a student's tuition in exchange for two years of volunteer work in a community.

Heinz went on to talk about the war in Iraq. "June was the bloodiest month in Iraq until July. Then August was the bloodiest month. And now September will be the bloodiest month in Iraq," he said.

Heinz also made a point of letting the audience know his personal feelings about the current president of the United States.

"I'm not ashamed to say it: I don't like George W. Bush. I think he's an idiot," Heinz said, bringing on a round of applause from crowd.

He then opened up the floor to questions from the crowd, fielding queries about the homecoming of soldiers, the future role of the United Nations, and the benefits to the Jewish community that would come from Kerry's administration.

The voting rally didn't bring out only Pitt students. Duquesne students Elizabeth Hessle, 21, and Christie Berger, 17, also came to the Union to hear Heinz speak.

The two Duquesne students agreed that education and foreign policy were both important factors in their decisions to register as democrats.

Hessle also mentioned economic issues as a concern. "I don't like how Bush taxes so much against people making so little, and not enough against people making so much," she said.

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-Chris Heinz

Berger conveyed her excitement about the whole process.

"I'm just so happy I'll be 18 before the election. This will be the first time I get to vote," she said, mentioning that her birthday is just a few days before the Nov. 2 election.

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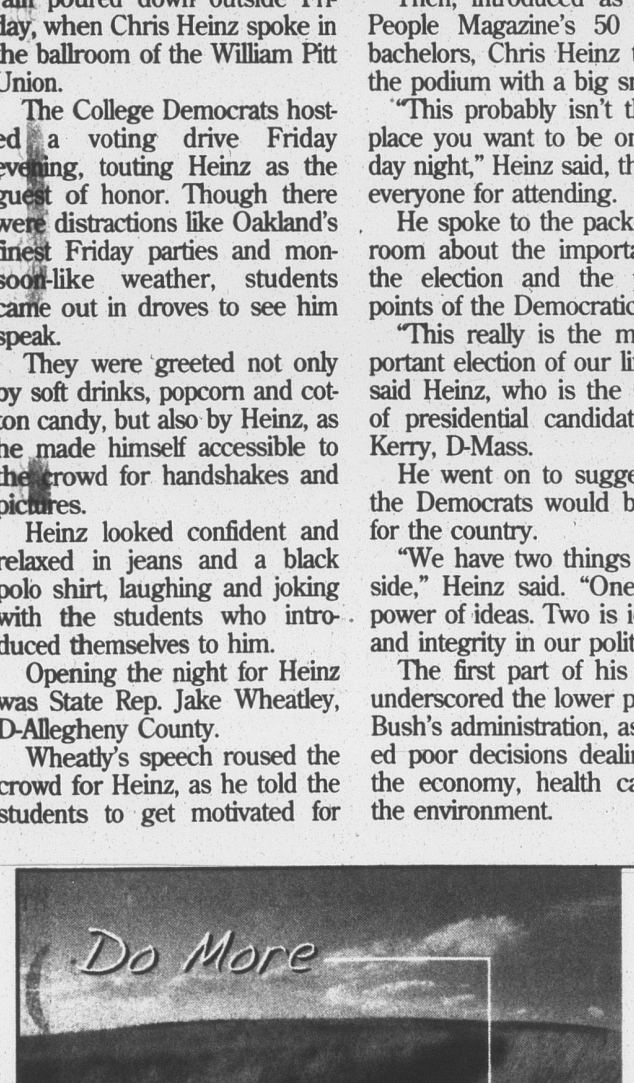

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Campus News

Greeks reach out to serve community

By Lindsay Jasinski
Campus Writer

New Wilmington is cleaner this week thanks to Theta Chi and the Greek community. Theta Chi sponsored the annual Greek Sweep on Saturday, in which sororities and fraternities came together to pick up litter from the streets in order to benefit the community.

Philanthropy is an important part of Greek life for the Theta Chi brothers. Greek Sweep is only one of the philanthropy events they promote throughout the semester.

"Our Suitcase Party, which will be held in November, directly benefits the Lawrence County Chapter of the American Red Cross," said Rich Marmura, president of Theta Chi.

Theta Chi is not the only Greek organization promoting their philanthropy around campus.

Phi Mu sold Steelers tickets in the TUB last week, and will hold a "Let's Make A Deal" game show type event in October to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa have been busy with philanthropy as well. Last Saturday, Sept. 18th, the Sig Kaps traveled to Roche Park in Meadeville, Pa. to participate in the Walk for Alzheimers. The walk benefits the Alzheimers Association of Pennsylvania. They will also be selling lollipops to benefit the cause in early October.

Similarly, Alpha Gamma Delta will be heading to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Saturday to participate in the annual Walk for Diabetes. Money raised by the Alpha Gams will go to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, which supports Juvenile Diabetes.

Zeta Tau Alpha sponsors the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, but their philanthropy has recently expanded to include Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. They trademarked the campaign as "Think Pink."

"The 'Think Pink' campaign is ZTA's pink ribbon distribution for breast cancer awareness," said Zeta Philanthropy chair Alie Altman. "Each year we also distribute shower cards and calendar reminder stickers throughout the campus."

Mark Rhoads, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, stated that the brothers would be participating in the Fireman's Auction on Sept. 25th and having their annual haunted house during Halloween.

The entire New Wilmington community is invited to the haunted house to contribute to the fight against cancer.

Over the summer, Sigma Nu announced the Charity Bowl as its national philanthropy. They have events planned for the spring semester.

Senior directs student-run play

By Sarah Ubry
Campus Writer

Students are working together to produce this year's Alpha Psi Omega production of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

"Einstein and Picasso meet in the same bar in Paris in 1904," said Justin Bryan, senior theater major and play director. "That's all I'll say, the rest is just funny."

Every year the honorary theatre fraternity puts on a student produced production. After no one volunteered to take on the project, Bryan started putting the early pieces of the production, such as the crew, props, costumes, set and most importantly the budget, together during the summer.

"I wanted to direct a big show and I finally got the chance this year," said Bryan. Bryan is not alone in his excitement to take part in the production.

Sky Yaple, a sophomore theatre major, is also "very excited" to be alongside Bryan as the assistant director. She said that this is her first time directing a show, but from the knowledge she's gained in directing class she feels she is prepared for the task.

"What I've been learning helps a lot," Yaple said.

Bryan and Yaple are not alone in their efforts. According to Bryan, they have several other students, the production heads, working underneath them, and still other students are helping to make up the stage crew. Bryan started gathering willing students over the summer.

Students came out of the rain Friday, Sept. 17 to audition in Beeghly Theatre. Auditions can be stressful Yaple said, especially for people who don't know what to expect. Yaple did not know what to expect because there were a lot of freshmen auditioning.

Bryan expected auditions to be interesting as well. "There are a lot of freshmen trying out so these are new faces that I've never seen on stage before," said Bryan, "It's a new experience."

Yet for those who are not new to the scene, they know the difference in the atmosphere of a student-produced-play. Senior Tom Oyer said that from his experience in last year's play, Scapin, he knows that he likes the relaxed feel of these performances.

"I had a good time last year so I thought it would be fun to do again," he said. Another point Oyer added was that these plays were more convenient for non-majors because of the flexibility; main productions can take up more time.

Main productions run similar to student-produced-plays, said Bryan, but there is a different aspect of understanding. He said students under other students work together better because of the relaxed setting. Although there are still situations that can arise; but for the most part he said students remain serious to their roles.

Practice for the play takes place on late weekday nights and weekends. For some this is a good thing. Working with the flexibility of their schedules allows students to feel less stressed and pressed for time. For others it might be troublesome, leaving them less time for their fun.

"It can kill everyone's party schedule," Yaple said, "but that's how you find out who's really gung-ho for theatre."

Other cast members include: Mick Henninger, Barry Unis, Chris Medjesky, Rachael Mellor, Megan Sigler, Jimmy Connell, Jeffrey Bersett, Will Stover, Amber Scalfari and Melissa Hennen.

Picasso is set to take place the first weekend of December. The times have yet to be announced.

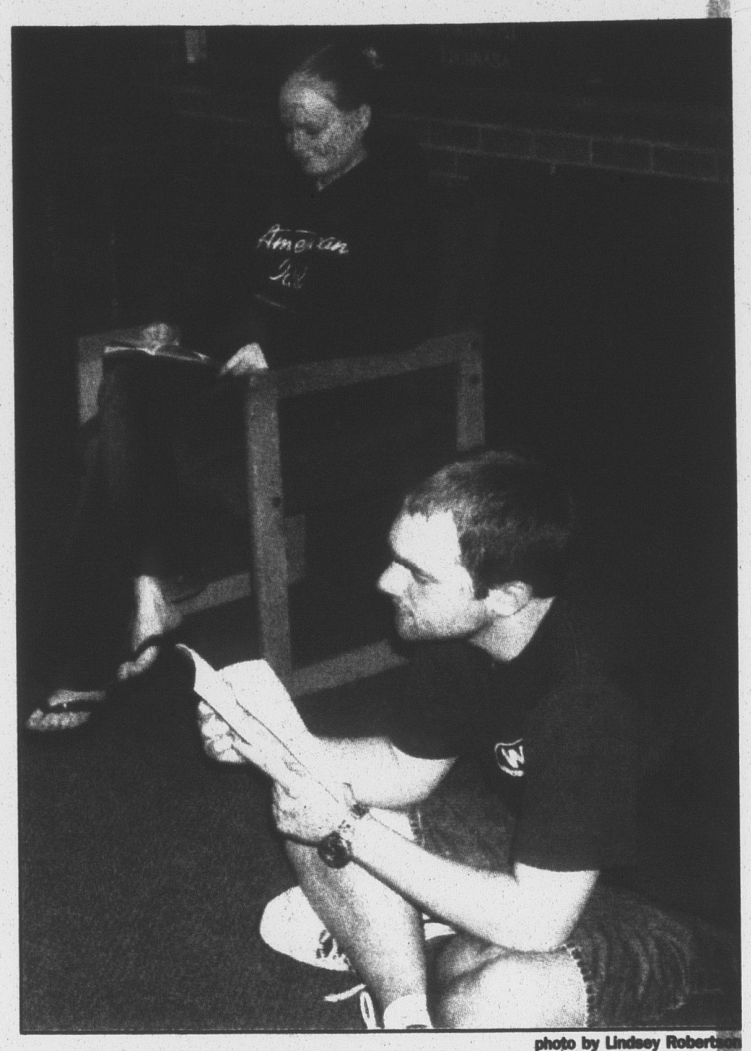

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Senior Rachael Mellor and freshman Barry Unis read through scripts for "Picasso at Lapin Agile."

Local fire alarm serves as help call

By Kelly Mayhue
Campus Writer

Whether or not the students on campus think the alarm system that sounds periodically in town to be annoying or mysterious, they should know that it is necessary.

The campus community often receives the New Wilmington siren with mixed feelings. Many feel that the alarm is annoying.

Sophomore Tara Savage finds it to be "loud and obnoxious."

Others, however, are simply not conscious of what purpose the siren serves. As a result, they worry, or worse, simply disregard the siren. In most cases, students do not seem to be informed about the alarm.

The alarm does have a purpose, however, as Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo would like to stress. It is used not as a warning system, but as a call for help.

The alarm alerts the ambulance, volunteer fire department, police and other authorities of dangerous situations.

The situation could be a fire, a traffic accident, closing a perilous road, a flood or anything else with which the people of New Wilmington and its surrounding areas need assistance.

The alarm works for different receivers in different ways. First, Lawrence Emergency Operation Center, the 911 service for Lawrence County, dispatches the alarm to New Wilmington.

For the volunteer fire department, the dispatch alerts them to check their radios, over which a message is then disseminated, telling them what and where the emergency is.

The volunteer ambulance service works in much the same way, except that they refer to their pagers after hearing the siren.

Either way, the alarm system in New Wilmington seems to do its job.

Gary Wagner, first assistant fire chief, attests to the effectiveness of the alarm system, stating that the average response time from the moment authorities receive the signal to the time they are on their way to the emergency is generally three or four minutes.

The New Wilmington alarm has not always been for this purpose and worked in this way, however.

Most alarms similar to New Wilmington's originated during World War II as air raid sirens. After the war, they were handed over to the communities to use as fire alarms.

Although the exact reason and date for the alarm in this town are not known, Tom Bair, publicity head of the fire department for over 30 years, believes this was probably the case for New Wilmington also.

Bair stated that the alarm was first operated by the Sharp and then the Smith families until a volunteer force took over in 1990.

Neshannock Control was the next to control the siren which, by that time, was being used for most emergencies and not just fire.

It was after Neshannock Control director Mary Criswell retired that the LEOC took full command of the alarm system.

Party

Borough defends new ordinance

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Ken Romig, vice president of Finance and Management Services and council vice president shares similar sentiments to Brooks'. "The borough does not discriminate against college students living in town," Romig said. "But it is important that these students understand that they are living in neighborhoods with families and that they must abide by the same laws and ordinances that apply to everyone."

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Molly Mistretta explains that more than 100 students live off campus, fraternity houses not included, most of them without causing any problems. She worries, however, about the impact that one noisy party could have for the rest of the off campus students.

"The unfortunate thing is when one house or apartment is noisy, it gives all of our off-campus students a bad reputation," Mistretta said.

What should a student who is at an unruly gathering do to keep themselves out of trouble?

"If a party really is out of control and doesn't look like it's going to come under control, the best advice is to leave," comments Picarillo.

Students who have any complaints and concerns, or who just want to know how the borough is run are invited to intend any council meetings. The meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 in the borough building.

Organization leaders work to better campus life

By Jordan Hinds
Campus Writer

Last Thursday, the Student Government Association hosted the second annual President's Dinner where leaders of organizations could share their opinions on how to make Westminster a better place.

President R. Thomas Williamson gave a speech about making alliances among different student organizations. He spoke about the needs of every organization and how SGA could help with those needs.

Williamson ended the speech by asking for any questions or concerns. The topic that seemed to be on everyone's mind was the many problems that TitanNet has brought to our computers.

The student presidents offered suggestions such as having SGA send out their minutes to organizations so they could stay more informed.

"There were many good ideas that were brought up to create better relations among organizations," said Tracy Hefner, president of the karate club.

Another suggestion was to create a shared folder that included all of the presidents of organizations so they could network and share information.

Students in Free Enterprise President Lindsey Lutes enjoyed the opportunity to network with other organization leaders.

"I liked meeting all of the other presidents so if I ever needed help from another organization, I would know who to go to," she said.

Twenty-nine presidents of student organizations were present at the dinner and each of them was given a survey regarding their relationship with SGA. Most of these surveys provided positive feedback.

SGA President and dinner coordinator Jess Rummel was happy to honor fellow organization presidents at the event.

"The student leaders on this campus really don't get the credit they deserve for all the goals they accomplish to make Westminster better," Rummel said. "This dinner is a small pat on the back for them."

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High 78	High 74	High 76	High 74	High 70	High 74	High 76
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Partly sunny	Beautiful with sunshine	Sunny to partly cloudy	Clouds, sun, may shower	A good deal of sunshine	Sun and some clouds	A couple of showers possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:12 a.m.	7:13 p.m.
Sunday	7:13 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Monday	7:14 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Wednesday	7:16 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	6:12 p.m.	3:30 a.m.
Sunday	6:39 p.m.	4:46 a.m.
Monday	7:02 p.m.	5:58 a.m.
Tuesday	7:24 p.m.	7:08 a.m.
Wednesday	7:46 p.m.	8:17 a.m.

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Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20

Weather History

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Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	78	50	pc	75	50	s	73	51	s	72	52	pc	69	50	pc
Butler, PA	78	54	pc	74	54	s	74	52	pc	72	51	s	69	49	pc
Cambridge, OH	81	51	pc	74	52	s	75	51	pc	74	50	s	71	50	pc
Canton, OH	79	50	pc	76	50	s	73	51	pc	72	51	pc	69	50	pc
Cincinnati, OH	82	56	s	78	56	s	78	56	s	76	54	pc	76	54	s
Clarion, PA	76	49	pc	71	50	s	72	48	pc	70	50	s	68	47	pc
Clarksburg, WV	81	53	pc	75	52	s	74	49	pc	73	49	s	70	47	s
Cleveland, OH	78	54	pc	74	52	s	72	52	s	71	53	pc	70	52	s
Columbus, OH	82	55	pc	74	56	s	76	55	s	75	54	s	74	53	pc
Cumberland, MD	78	56	pc	73	53	pc	72	51	pc	73	52	pc	71	50	pc
Erie, PA	74	52	pc	70	50	s	70	54	s	70	54	pc	69	53	s
Franklin, PA	76	54	pc	74	52	s	72	49	pc	70	50	s	67	47	pc
Greensburg, PA	80	53	pc	74	54	s	74	53	pc	73	53	s	72	51	pc
Greenville, PA	77	49	pc	74	50	s	72	50	s	70	51	sh	68	47	s
Grove City, PA	76	50	pc	73	51	s	70	49	s	70	51	sh	68	47	s
Hagerstown, MD	80	60	pc	77	58	s	76	56	pc	74	56	pc	73	52	s
Indiana, PA	78	52	pc	74	53	s	74	53	pc	73	52	s	73	50	s
Jamestown, NY	72	48	pc	72	48	s	70	50	s	67	50	s	66	47	s
Kittanning, PA	79	52	pc	74	53	s	74	52	pc	73	52	s	71	51	pc
Lisbon, OH	79	50	pc	75	51	s	73	51	pc	72	52	pc	70	49	pc
Mansfield, OH	77	48	pc	72	51	s	72	51	s	72	51	s	69	49	s
Marietta, OH	83	55	pc	76	55	s	77	52	pc	76	52	s	74	51	s
McKeesport, PA	81	56	pc	78	52	s	74	52	pc	74	52	s	71	51	pc
Meadville, PA	75	50	pc	73	51	s	71	52	s	68	52	s	66	49	pc
Morgantown, WV	81	54	pc	74	54	s	73	51	pc	74	52	s	72	51	s
New Castle, PA	78	52	pc	75	50	s	75	51	s	73	51	sh	70	48	s
Oil City, PA	76	51	pc	74	52	s	72	50	pc	70	51	s	68	48	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	80	52	pc	78	52	s	74	56	pc	74	56	pc	71	50	pc
Sharon, PA	77	50	pc	74	49	s	73	50	s	71	51	sh	69	47	s
Somerset, PA	74	53	pc	72	54	s	74	56	s	70	50	c	68	48	s
Steubenville, OH	80	52	pc	73	54	s	74	51	pc	73	52	s	71	50	pc
Uniontown, PA	8	52	pc	74	52	s	74	50	pc	74	50	s	72	48	s
Warren, OH	78	49	pc	75	50	s	73	50	pc	71	51	pc	70	48	pc
Washington, PA	81	49	pc	73	49	s	74	49	pc	72	47	s	70	47	s
Waynesburg, PA	81	51	pc	73	51	s	74	50	pc	73	49	s	71	50	s
Wheeling, WV	80	52	pc	73	54	s	74	51	pc	73	53	s	71	50	s
Youngstown, OH	77	49	pc	74	49	s	72	49	pc	70	51	pc	69	48	pc
Wooster, OH	79	46	pc	73	49	s	73	49	s	72	47	pc	69	48	pc
Zanesville, OH	81	52	pc	74	53	s	76	52	pc	75	51	s	71	50	s

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Aim, shoot, score...

Records improve with big wins over conference and non-conference rivals

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The high-powered Titans went back to work this past week facing off against non-conference foe Point Park.

The boys came through in impressive fashion by defeating Point Park 3-0. This win increases their record to a perfect 5-0 for the season.

After a scoreless first half, the Titans netted three goals to take control of the game. Senior Sebastian Driver started the scoring off followed by freshman Cory Criss, who scored his first collegiate goal. Sophomore Mark Sadler hammered the final goal home.

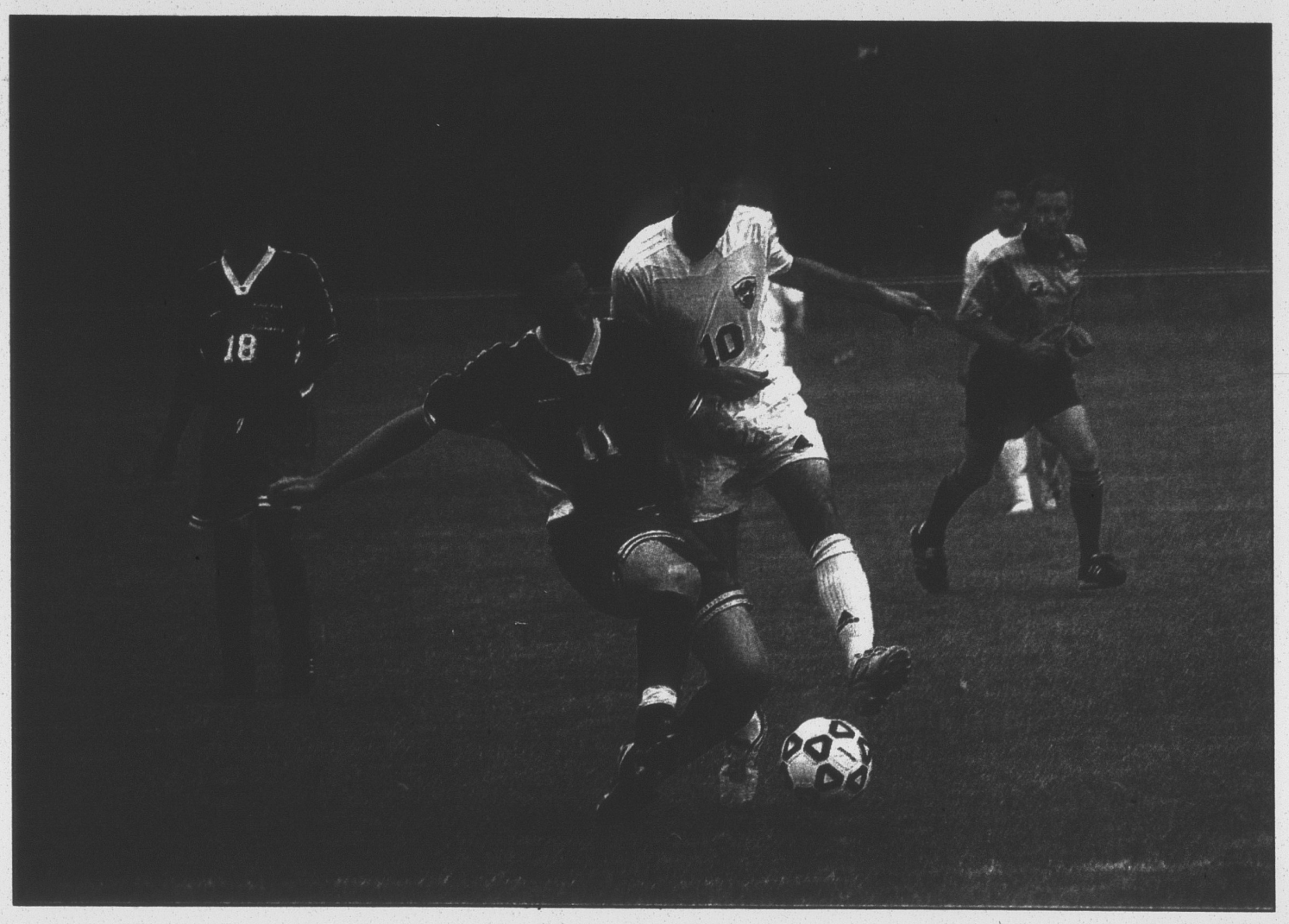
Sophomore keeper Anthony Beilstein increased his shutout record to four in the last five games. The Titans out shot Point Park 15-2 aiding in the shutout. The Titans now open up PAC play as they take on Waynesburg College.

The Titans shutout yet another opponent. Waynesburg did not put up much of a fight as the boys scored five goals in a 5-0 shutout. This improves their record to 6-0 and 1-0 in PAC play.

This time it was senior Chris Castillo who opened the game with the scoring as he netted two goals in the game. Sophomore tandem of Mark Sadler and Sam Robinson chipped in with one goal apiece. The final goal scored was due to an 'own goal' by Waynesburg.

Sophomore Anthony Beilstein and freshman Chris Passione split time in net this time and combined for the shutout. Next up for the undefeated titans is Oberlin College.

The Titans once again win, this time they had to come from behind. Oberlin College proved to be a formidable opponent but not good enough to beat the Titans.



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Sebastian Driver-Salazar fights for control of the ball during the match-up with Point Park College last week.

The game was taken to double overtime when the Titans scored the game-winning goal. This now improves their record to 7-0, 1-0 in PAC play.

Senior Sebastian Driver scored first for the Titans on a penalty kick in the first half. The hero of the game was freshman Cory Criss, who netted the game winner; freshman Garret Horvath and sophomore Mark Sadler assisted him on the play. The Titans hope to keep this incredible momentum as they face non-conference opponent Pitt- Greensburg.

The Lady Titans were also back in action this past week. After suffering their first loss, the ladies bounced back by defeating PAC rival Washington and Jefferson by a score of 2-0. This takes their record to 4-1 and 2-0 in PACs.

Scoring came from freshman Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman and sophomore Christa Andamasaris. The Titans out shot W&J by a margin of 10-5.

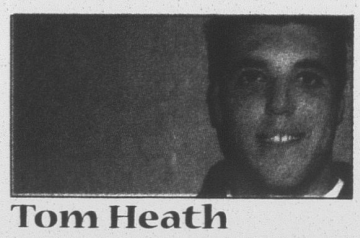
Senior Nicole Drummond once again had an excellent game in goal and collected her fourth shutout of the season. The Lady Titans then turned their attention to Oberlin College in hopes to increase their season record.

Where the men were taken into double overtime, the ladies took care of business in impressive fashion during regulation. The ladies defeated Oberlin College by a score of 3-0. This takes their record to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in PAC play.

Playing strong as usual, freshman Scarlett Bretz netted another goal to add to her count this year. Sophomore Sarah Calderone and freshman Andrea Michalenko scored the final two goals to solidify the win for the titans.

The Titans blistered Oberlin by firing twenty-four shots on goal, where Oberlin only had fifteen. Seniors Nicole Drummond and Laura Vollmer split time in net, both making great saves in the shutout victory.

The Lady Titans next travel to Pitt-Greensburg for a non-conference showdown.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The BCS: Bust or success?

Q: How many members of the BCS does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: They screw light bulbs too?

With the college football season pretty much now in full swing, everyone is turning their attention to who is going to pan out from the preseason polls. Major college football has three polls; AP, coaches, and the infamous Bowl Championship Series. Out of all the polls more controversy surrounds the BCS than any other. In the polls, the coach's is obviously voted on by the coaches, the AP is voted upon by the media and the BCS is computer formulated. The formulation is based on three main points. Power is the first, which is the strength of a team in relation to its' opponents. Second is the ranking, which is a combination of power and won-loss record. Finally there is the strength of schedule or the "SOS." "1" is the toughest. "117" is the easiest which is determined by averaging the power rating of every opponent on a team's schedule.

Outside of my joke, the BCS for universities, coaches and players is no laughing matter. Oregon, in particular, has taken issue with its results to the extent which coach Mike Bellotti called the BCS a "cancer" and athletic director Bill Moos believes "there is an east coast bias against the PAC-10." However, even though the coaches and administrators are upset with the outcomes of the BCS, they all need to remember that they all agreed upon the system when it was first implemented. However, I feel that there are several steps that can be taken to improve the BCS and also eliminate some of the confusion.

First, the BCS needs to eliminate the strength of schedule. Every computer ranker and, for that matter, every individual voter, already considers strength of schedule. The BCS is not only being redundant, they are concocting their SOS number in the wrong fashion. They use simple won-loss records as a measurement instead of the strength of the opponents. For instance, if a team played Middle Tennessee State (no knock on the Blue Raiders), they got credit for playing an 8-3 team. A different team that played Virginia Tech also got credit for playing an 8-3 team. Problem? In the Congrove Computer Rankings, for example, MTSU has a power rating of 68.19. Virginia Tech's power rating is 92.23. The BCS is comparing apples and oranges and calling them both apples.

Next, don't throw out the high/low computer scores. You have eight computers. Yes, the BCS uses eight computers to create their rankings. Use them. Then simply average their results, just as you do the AP and Coaches Polls. We'll do one better; throw out the AP and coach's poll. There isn't a single voter in either of those polls who can objectively rate all 117 teams. And now they are open to manipulation by those who are discontent with the computers.

Finally, any team that does not win their conference should be ineligible for playing in the national championship, regardless of its rankings. For example, this occurred last year with Oklahoma and USC. The Sooners lost the Big 12, yet still contended for the national title even though USC was undefeated. This system proves that computers are not the answers for everything.

Browns and Steelers both suffer losses

By Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The Cleveland Browns suffered their first loss of the season on Sunday in Dallas against the Cowboys, 12-19. The Browns also suffered losses due to injuries. Courtney Brown, Gerard Warren, Ryan Tucker and Kellen Winslow were all injured in the game Sunday. Winslow however, was the biggest loss, who will miss the majority of the season due to a broken leg. In the loss, Jeff Garcia went 8 of 27 for 71 yards and William Green pounded out 52 yards on 19 carries. Andrae Davis led the Browns in receiving with three catches for 39 yards. The only points of the game were four field goals by Phil Dawson with a long of 49 yards. The Browns will travel to New York to face the Giants for a 1:00 p.m. game next Sunday.

The Steelers also suffered their first loss after their dramatic come-from-behind victory last weekend at home against the Raiders. In Baltimore, the Steelers were defeated 30-13 by the Ravens. Like the Browns, the Steelers have to deal with injuries for a good part of the season. Starting quarterback Tommy Maddox injured his elbow in the second half and did not return. He will be out for up to six weeks with a strained or torn muscle in his arm. Rookie Ben Roethlisberger will make his NFL debut next week as the Steelers starter. Duce Staley led the ground attack with 57 yards on 16 carries. Roethlisberger was the leading passer completing 12 passes on 20 attempts for 176 yards. One of the main receiving targets was Hines Ward who caught six passes for 151 yards and one score.

Titans win at home, 41-22

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Titan football team combined a strong running attack with an opportunistic defense on Sept. 18 to defeat the Hiram College Terriers, 41-22.

With the win, the Titans' first this season, the squad improves to 1-2.

Senior running back Scott Froelich paced the Titan offensive attack. He set a new Titan single game rushing record by gaining 254 yards on 32 carries with four touchdowns.

The old mark, set by Andy Blatt, stood for almost ten years. Blatt rushed for 243 yards on Dec. 10th, 1994 against Lambuth University.

When asked, Froelich deflected any accolades from his effort and celebrated the play of his offensive line: "[Gaining that many yards] only reflects the fact that our offensive line is starting to come together," Froelich said. "[Running successfully] is a confidence builder for our running game that is very important for us to have to be successful in big games."

Froelich posted four of the Titans' six scores.

Senior wide receiver Brian Ekis and junior defensive back, Scott's brother, Tom Froelich contributed the other two scores.

Ekis hauled in a 23-yard scoring reception from sophomore quarterback J.R. Barley, while Tom Froelich stripped a Terrier ball carrier and scampered 89 yards for a fumble recovery and score.

Though Scott Froelich tallied up plenty of yards on the ground, Barley played a solid game at quarterback, completing 9 of 16 passes for 117 yards and one score.

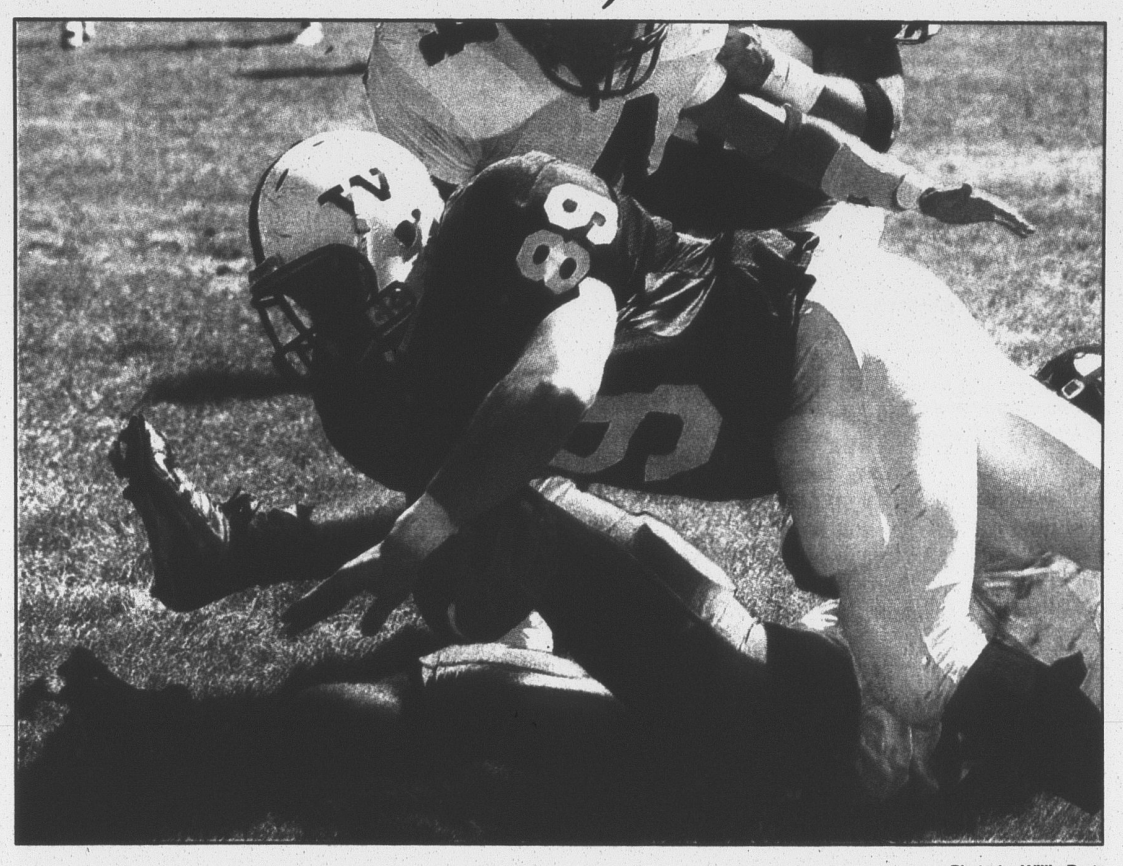


Photo by Willis Bretz

Josh Bero is tackled after making a reception during the first quarter of last Saturday's game against Hiram.

Ekis posted two receptions—the 23-yard TD and a 32-yard reception for a total of 55 yards receiving. Sophomore wide receiver Jake Buzard caught four passes for 34 yards, while junior tight end Josh Bero hauled in three balls for 37 yards.

Hiram was unable to stop the Titans in either facet of their offensive game. The Titans moved the ball consistently all day.

Defensively, Tom Froelich's strip-and-scamper reflected a solid, capable effort from the Titans.

Senior defensive backs Justin Martinchek and Clint DeLuca tallied six tackles a piece with DeLuca adding a punt block.

The Titans held the lead from whistle to whistle. And, although they almost fired on all cylinders, outgaining Hiram 432-244, work remains to be done.

In fact, Hiram mounted a late rally, but the Titans showed the resolve to pull away and seal the game.

Certainly, the win over the Terriers is the type of win that a team can build a season around.

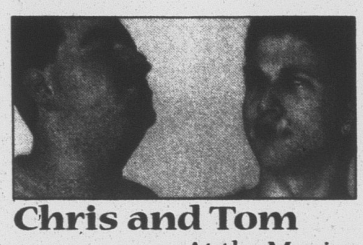
"It was a great game to build from going into Thomas More and the PAC," Scott Froelich said. "It shows that we can score points and look real good at moments, but overall, we need to execute more consistently throughout the game, setting set us apart from our opponent, but turnovers need to stop for us to have a chance."

And though the Titans stand at 1-2, they have consistently improved from week to week. If the Titans continue to improve and play with the gumption exhibited against the Terriers, Saturday's effort was a sign of good things to come.

The Titans will look to even their season mark on Saturday, September 25th when they travel to Crestview Hills, Ky., to challenge the Thomas More College Saints.

Arts & Entertainment

Sky Captain close, but just doesn't deliver the goods



Chris and Tom
At the Movies

A true adventure hero has not appeared in cinema for years. Recent trends of comic book heroes have taken over the action-adventure genre and pretty much shut out all other contenders. We haven't seen an Indiana Jones or Han Solo to look forward to for nearly twenty years. One man, Kerry Conran, has made attempt to fill this void in the form of one Joe 'Sky Captain' Sullivan (Jude Law) in Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow.

The story is set in a futuristic past (confused?) circa 1939. Theaters showing "Wizard of Oz" and "Wuthering Heights" as well as newspaper clippings hint to the time period. We start off in New York as a scientist, predicting his own disappearance, confides in a young reporter named Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow). Moments later giant robots fly in and invade New York City. As the town seems doomed 'Sky Captain' flies in and saves the day. Determined to find out who has caused these invasions, Perkins and Sullivan team up despite a somewhat fiery past relationship. The disturbance is hinted to be a result of evil scientific research by Dr. Totenkopf so the two venture to save the day with the help of the British air navy, lead by Capt. Frankie Cook (Angelina Jolie).

A good deal of the dialogue is wonderful and is dedicated to the banter between Perkins and Sullivan. He claims she sabotaged his plane, she claims he cheated on him. In Perkins' mind cheating is cause for death: a relatively feminist aspect of a character from 1939. This, however, is not the only aspect of Perkins' character that suggests a strong feminist approach. She boldly goes out in the middle of the robots to take pictures and insists on tagging along with Sullivan on every adventure (while in high heels!). But this contrast of ideas is a big reason why some of this movie just didn't work. First, if you're going to try to make an at least somewhat realistic movie circa 1939 the female lead just cannot be that damn independent. But fine, this is a sci-fi movie; a woman is captain of the British navy. So we'll forget about the typical aspects of period piece and let that slide. Now we've got this ultra-independent woman that is totally dependant on her man and much more of a bother than a help to the cause. Only at the end does she provide any real assistance to 'Sky Captain,' and by that time it is so out of character that it's really not believable.

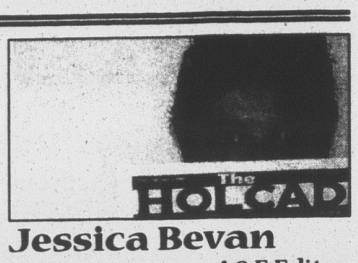
The comparisons to Indiana Jones can be made for hours. Pretty much all aspects of Indy are found in Sky Captain, one just uses a whip and the other a plane. The films themselves are very similar as well. Like Raiders..., Sky Captain grabs you from the start with a score that demands you to prepare for an adventure of a lifetime. It is this score that follows the whole film and drives most of the story and emotion. Movies like the Indiana Jones films and especially the Star Wars movies use this technique to convey a whole lot more dialogue and emotion than just two hours can fit in. By the end of these movies we feel like we've known the characters for years as opposed to a few hours. Well John Williams was apparently busy and newcomer Edward Shearmur stepped in. While his score is fantastic, the use of the score is what fails.

And this is where really Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow fails. Moments that should be exciting, lead in by suspenseful music, intense direction and persuasive acting fail on nearly all three accounts. There is rarely a supposedly exciting moment that is truly exciting. Even at the very end it feels as if you have been left just short of what you really wanted to see and feel during this movie. Because of this, the movie will likely fade away as opposed to be the next big series for the next big adventure hero.

Instead this movie will likely go down as a technical achievement based off a gimmicky directorial approach. The movie is filmed entirely on blue screen, the first of its kind. With only the principle actors being real (even Dr. Tartenkopf is played by the 15-year-dead Sir Laurence Olivier), the film does manage to create the feel of a late 30's film noir movie. Sadly, this may be all the movie is known for.

It may seem that we have complained all through this review and hated the movie. In fact we both enjoyed our experience. This review is a vent of frustration based off what should have been an amazing film as opposed to just another movie. Years from now our grandkids won't awe at the fact that we saw Sky Captain in theaters, which is a shame since, for all purposes, it should have been that good. Instead we've got a less-than- memorable B movie that could have been an unforgettable experience.

After the one-two combination punch of Britney's wedding and Macaulay Culkin's drug arrest, Jess was way too emotionally distressed to write a quality column this week. She promises to compose herself in time for next week's issue, with more dazzling insight of the world of Arts & Entertainment.



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Wimbledon just another "sports" film

By David Elliott
Copley News Service

Viewing "Wimbledon" is like playing tennis with a ball made of bubblegum. It beats playing table tennis with a bowling ball.

Kirsten Dunst is so pertly American in England as Lizzie Bradbury, hot young contender in the women's tournament. She is on the rise, whereas "Britain's own" Peter Colt (Paul Bettany) is almost out, having fallen from near-champ status to 119th in ranking. Colt, a slender stallion, is so very reticent and dryly charming and English about being a notable loser. But suddenly, after a close encounter - he walks into Lizzie's room at the Dorchester and sees her in the shower (later, PC balance: a fast butt shot of him) - he's inspired to play again.

Doesn't seem quite sporting, quite British, to actually win, or enjoy it. But Peter, played as a tall, shy gulp of debonair niceness by Bettany, has fallen in love. This is all the motivation he needs.

While ignited hormones pep Peter into contention, love proves a tricky distraction for Lizzie. All-girl or all-game (how can she choose?), she loses her edge. Perhaps only Hugh Grant could have wooed her but kept her winning. From what we see, Dunst is less about tennis than about looking terrific in whites. She puts as much energy into the role as she would a quick photo spread for Vanity Fair or Teen People.

The thwack, arc and bounce belong to Britain's Own, cheered on by the Wimbledon crowd as if he were Nelson at Trafalgar. Peter rises past top seeds, flattens even his best friend, and looks sweetly guilty about it.

The tennis is meager, merely climaxes and "tense" warm-ups. Director Richard Loncraine is saving up for the finale of Peter against a hot American rocket, a callow creep who aces a serve into the head of a ball boy. That angers Peter, though his hope wilts until Lizzie comes out of a sulk and tells him how to beat the Ugly American (so much for his seasoned expertise).

Even with John McEnroe and Chris Evert in the press box, hitting soft zingers, this is a tennis movie like "The Mighty Ducks" was a hockey movie, "Rocky" was a boxing movie, "The Legend of Bagger Vance" was a golfing movie.

China Banquet Buffet: the real deal, and it won't leave your wallet empty

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

As surprising as it may seem, I've noticed what some might refer to as a "culinary trend" on campus: oriental food.

However, I can't help as to question why students would deprive themselves of the opportunity to experience the real deal.

Instead, it appears that students enjoy flocking to the TUB, also known as OSC, to get a small dose of inauthentic oriental cuisine at an inflated price, with an undesired trip to the nearest bathroom after consuming the oriental imitation.

For those of you who habitually visit the Wok in the TUB on Wednesday, maybe you should take two seconds to perform a psychological analysis of yourself and repeatedly ask, "What's wrong with me?"

I have to say that I would be more than willing to pay an extra seventy-two cents and make a trip down to New Castle to experience real oriental cuisine than I would be to buy a cheap knock off from Marriot Food Services for $6.18 a plate.

It is for these reasons that I decided to pay a visit to the China Banquet Buffet down on Route 18.

For those of you who are not quick with the thinking, the China Banquet Buffet is a Chinese restaurant that offers a wide variety of traditional Chinese meals, but serves them buffet style.

In the most simplistic terms, this means that you get the most bang for your buck, which is obviously a good thing if you're a poor college student like myself. I suppose the best reason to visit the China Banquet Buffet is simply because it's the real deal.

The menu offers everything from Crab Rangoon to Chop Suey to General Tso's Chicken. As I mentioned before, it's a buffet, so it's up to you how large the portions, how diverse the side dishes will vary, and how many plates you can have.

Now I'm not trying to advocate that you go there and eat them out of the house, because the staff there is very friendly and accommodating. Just make sure you get your fair share.

In case you're wondering about costs, the price of the lunch buffet is $5.95 and the price of the dinner buffet is $7.95. The China Banquet Buffet also offers carry-out service where they charge by the pound ($2.95 during lunch and $3.95 during dinner).

I highly recommend trying the fried dumplings, crab rangoon, sweet & sour chicken, General Tso's, and of course the vegetable chow mein.

Now, I realize that many people are hesitant about trying out Chinese restaurants that they have never eaten out due to urban myths that were generated in the 1920s about the use of cats and dogs as extra meat ingredients. I can assure you that at the China Banquet Buffet, they prepare the meals with the ingredients as stated on the menu (sorry for those of you that enjoy ingesting stray animals).

If you are one of those "close-minded" individuals who refuse to try out different Chinese restaurants, I urge you to consider this column as my oath that you will not be disappointed in the quality or variety of food at the Chinese Banquet Buffet.

I will say that the downside of the Chinese Banquet Buffet, aside from pulling into the parking lot, is the atmosphere. It is often very quiet with background noise coming from a television set; no Muzak blaring from the ceiling and there is no chitter chatter amongst the other guests. This may be a personal pet peeve of mine, but I don't like going out to a restaurant where I feel as if though the whole entire restaurant can hear my conversation.

The only other drawback to the restaurant is that about 95% of the walls are covered with mirrors, which isn't very flattering to look at when you're eating at a buffet restaurant.

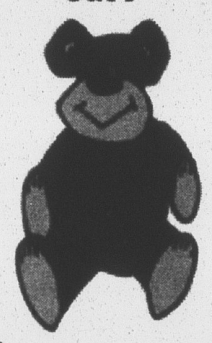
This will most likely be the only time of the year where my column will feature a buffet because surprisingly enough I'm not big on buffet style restaurants.

It is for the listed reasons above that I feel the China Banquet Buffet deserves Two and a half Twinkies in the almighty and omnipotent Twinkie Scale.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Welcome to Kappa Delta Little Bears!

Ashley E. Tace Rachel



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September 24, 2004

9 AM - 5 PM Alpha Phi Omega Homeless Awareness Day - Quad

11:40 AM Chapel Without Walls (note change in location) - Quad

4 PM - 6 PM Meet the Greeks Intramural Competition: Water Balloon Toss - Quad

5 PM Chapel Office Trip to Pirates vs. Reds Game in Pittsburgh (Supports Hosanna Industries)

8 PM CPU Dance - MCC Club/Lounge

8 PM Movie in Mueller - MCC Mueller Theatre

9 PM Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-Thon Speaker, Sister Claire Marie, Prince of Peace Center - Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller - MCC Mueller Theatre

September 25, 2004

8:00 AM Greek Summit II — MCC Witherspoon Maple

10 AM - 5 PM TitanNet Registration Assistance (through Alpha Phi Omega and Help Desk) — HSC 228

7 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 PM CPC Presents: Wayne Hoffman, mentalist/illusionist — MCC Club/Lounge

8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

10:30 PM Buses Leave for Night Owl Bowling — MCC Front Entrance (Shaw Hall side)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

September 26, 2004

3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

7 PM Christy Lecture: Right Rev. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, 106th Bishop of Rochester (England), "Role of Religion in the Current International Situation" — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

September 27, 2004

Geek Week (through October 1)

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Peace Studies Program: Discussion with Interfaith Listening Team — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

12:30 PM Discussion with Interfaith Listening Team from India — MCC

9 PM Monday Night Football: Dallas at Washington — MCC Club

9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bonfire — Brittain Lake/Anderson Amphitheater

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 28, 2004

12 PM - 2 PM Voter Registration Drive — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4 PM - 6 PM Voter Registration Drive — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 116

6 PM Career Center's Corporate Information Session — TC 314

7 PM Islam and Christianity: An Interfaith Dialogue — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

10 PM -1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 29, 2004

10:30 AM - 11:30 PM Peace Studies Program: Discussion with Interfaith Listening Team — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Russ Martin, "Power, Legitimacy and Remembering the Royal Dead in Muscovy" — MCC Mueller Theater

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Voter Registration Drive — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

6:30 PM Career Center Interview Workshop — MCC 255

7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theatre

8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Recruitment Party

9:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

September 30, 2004

11:15 AM Eine Kleine Lunch-Musik Concert Series: Westminster Flute Ensemble — MCC Atrium

12 PM - 2 PM Voter Registration Drive — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

6 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116

7 PM - 8 PM Biology Department Seminar: Dr. Clarence Harms, illustrated lecture on rainforests — Hoyt Phillips Lecture Hall

7 PM Westminster at Oxford (Study Abroad Presentation) — MCC Mueller Theater

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Clutter breeds confusion and delay. Take time to get organized and clear the path at home or at work so you can see where you are going.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Avoid losing your temper with children. Clear communication, eliminates barriers and brings you closer together. Calmly give instructions and listen closely.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Let logic or common sense surrender to emotions or feelings. Follow your heart when making a decision involving a loved one.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Communication is your key word. You would be wise to position yourself where you can best receive and distribute the most information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A moneymaking idea blasts off like a rocket and promises unlimited financial success. Count your blessings and smile all the way to the bank.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You will find yourself on center stage with many eyes on you. Lead by example, do the right thing and earn their admiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take time to recharge your battery this week. Escape to a favorite, secret, quiet place where you can relax, meditate and get centered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Friends or associates will play an important role in your life. Steer clear of a heated discussion or conversation that might upset you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Do your best to avoid bragging or being pompous or conceited. Bow down and be humble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your mind is racing with an assortment of brilliant ideas. Write down your theories and be willing to share them with peers or allies.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Money comes and goes very quickly this week. Make a conscious effort to stay within your credit limits when shopping and to observe your budget.

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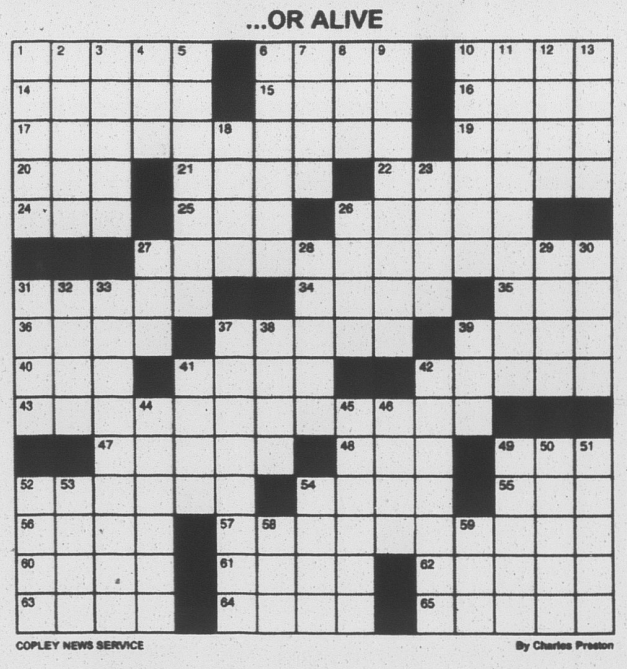

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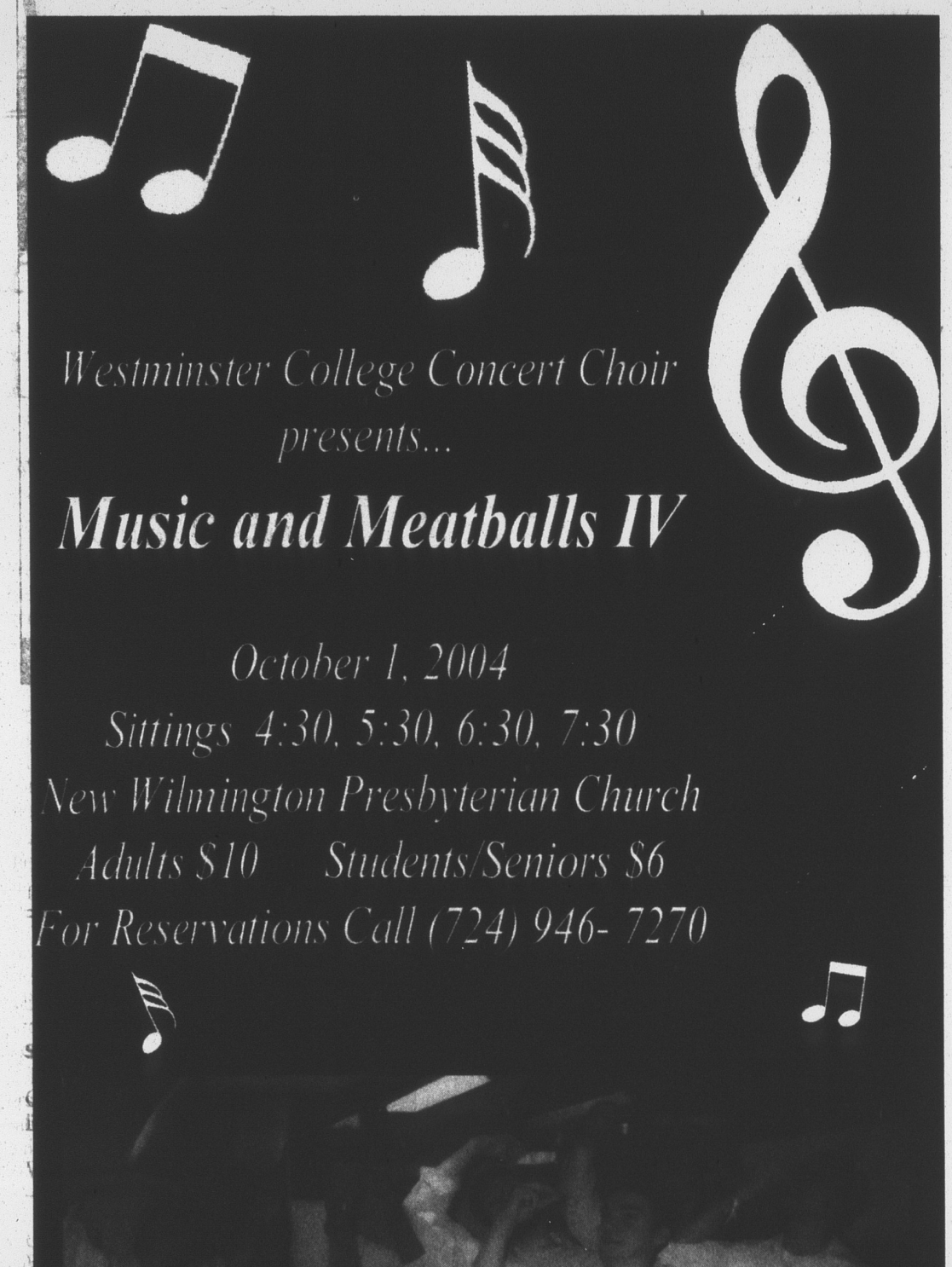

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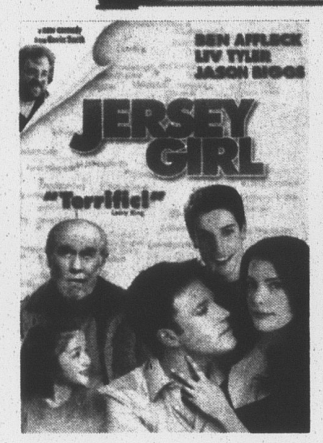

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Nov. 6	Night Owl Bowling
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Features

Room Raiders

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

My mission this week was simple: find the best male dorm room on campus. In a completely unscientific fashion, I wandered the halls of the boys' abodes looking for some respectable digs.

I am not going to lie; I had low expectations. True, it is a stereotype that boys are dirty. But even my own girly room should be barred from entry, for fear of contracting a terminal illness at points throughout the year.

So before I made the journey over the stream, I had envisioned the worst possible outcome: boys swimming in their own filth, wearing protective masks and goggles to shield their lungs and eyes from a hazy, acidic stench. However, what I found inside was neither dirty nor urine scented: it was glorious.

First of all, one needs to note that I was awkward beyond all reason while exploring the halls of Russell and Eichenhauer; I was sporting a Holcad press pass and armed with a camera. No one should have even acknowledged my presence, let alone allowed me in to see a room. "Hi squirrelly tool with a press pass, please enter my living quarters!" Not the case, yo. Not the case.

Most of the men I encountered were eager and willing to display their homes away from home. I went to open door after open door, gazing into each room. I was awe struck by the relative cleanliness and good stylistic taste in each domicile.

(Note: I decided that knocking on closed doors was a bad idea. I had no desire to disturb boys in slumber, in study mode or in nakedness. Note 2: Although I wanted to avoid unclothed individuals, guys seem to enjoy spending time with one another while not wearing shirts. This must be an attempt to show off their manly physiques and make every other male applaud their superior muscular build. That or they are too lazy to fully clothe themselves.)

After being on the prowl for quite some time, I wandered upon Eichenhauer 128. A delightful mix of cologne and a Glade Scented Plug-in wafted through the air. It was the room of sophomore Seth McClarey. He is fortunate enough to be the lone resident of half of an Eich suite. And man, is that half-suite sweet. Imagine stepping in to an Ikea catalog, or a remade room on Trading Spaces (sans a hot carpenter, tear), and you are in Seth's room. It is just that good.

It became no longer necessary to continue the trek, the goal was accomplished; the best male dorm room was discovered. The expedition lasted for a mere hour, but many lessons were learned along the way. I realized that my room is shamefully more dirt-ridden than most men's, even while carrying an asinine press pass, people will still be accepting of me; and most guys have decent taste regarding comforters.

I leave you, men of Westminster, some parting words of style wisdom: skip the nude model posters. No need to further prove your masculine nature, your shirtless torso says it all.

Best Room

Sophomore Seth McClarey kickin' it on his burning red couch, wins for the most stylish space.

Most Organized Fridge

Brett Turk keeps things cool and orderly in his mini-fridge.

Best Pose

Jason Discello works the camera, striking a classic "watching TV" pose.

Politcal Pong: Kitty Kelley and the media

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

I'd like to take you back to my capstone class from earlier this week. As we sat discussing the supposed "myth" of the liberal media and how the Fox News Channel is the devil's incarnate, I began to think of all the people in the news media I despise. The usual suspects immediately came to mind: Michael Moore, Al Franken, Judy Woodruff, etc. These people produce more trash than the entire state of New York, only their garbage can is inside your TV, on your newsstands, and in your bookstores. I realized how much crap we Americans, especially we college students, are fed everyday.

Well, I'm proud (so to speak) to announce another name that can be added to my personal list of "People who should have never learned to write." Her name: Kitty Kelley. In case this name doesn't ring a bell, Kelley is a celebrity biographer with a history of conjuring up scandals to sell books. Nothing original, but rarely does an author of this genre sick her dogs on a sitting President.

Her newest book, "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty," is jam-packed full of nasty little rumors about both Bush Presidents. The allegation grabbing the most headlines is George W. Bush's supposed cocaine and drug use as late as the 1980s.

Kelley's source, who happens to be the bitter ex-wife of George's brother Neil, claims that Bush used cocaine at Camp David while his father was President. Not my number one choice for a source, but when you're Kitty Kelley, you'll use anybody.

Let's be honest, I can't say with complete confidence that Bush has always had a clean nose. He has admitted to making some mistakes, but it was all prior to 1974. To accuse a man (who by the way emptied the Oval Office and Air Force One of all alcohol once he took office) of such recent debauchery, is libel.

Not surprisingly, this kind of trash talk isn't anything new to Kitty. She has written discredited books about the British Royal Family, Frank Sinatra, and most notably, Nancy Reagan. Her book about the former first Lady spurred several detractions and apologies from major newspapers that ran her allegations as truth. And now we're supposed to believe her?

Lucky for us, most of the major networks are dealing with the new book with caution, unlike Dan Rather, and checking her facts. Newsweek, for example, passed on the chance to write a story on it, saying they didn't feel comfortable with that kind of reporting. Maybe there is some class left in the media

I will give Hello Kitty some credit though. When I first learned of the book, I became outraged that this woman would release her publication so close to the Presidential election. But then I realized that's business. And as a proponent of small business and a true believer in the wonders of capitalism, I am forced to applaud Ms. Kelley for her tactics. Because of this, she's landed guest spots on most of the major networks, including a three day stint with NBC's "Today Show," and pushed her book to the front page of most newspapers.

So as you can see, my review of the book isn't exactly praiseworthy. I think anyone who takes any of Kitty Kelley's publications seriously should go back to reading Teen People, it's got better posters anyway.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

This week Jess and I decided to look at a book by author Kitty Kelley that came out this week and has caused the Bush administration a ton of grief.

Her book, "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty," has climbed to number one on the New York Times bestsellers list. The book reinforces some of the themes of the number one documentary of all time, Fahrenheit 9/11, and also brings some new character flaws of the Bush's to light.

Now in case you don't know, Kitty Kelley has written other books assailing political figures on both sides of the political spectrum. In her book, "Jackie Oh!" Kelley looks at the Kennedy family and the struggles of Jackie Onassis.

She has also written a book called "Nancy Reagan: The Unauthorized Biography," in which she claims that former President Reagan had an affair with an intern then paid for her abortion when she became pregnant.

This book begins by looking at the rise of the Bush family's wealth in the Ohio steel industry. She also then looks at the rise of Senator Prescott Bush (George H.W. Bush's father) in politics in the northeast.

It shows how, through shady business deals with the Saudi's, the Bush family has actually profited from the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The juicy pieces of the book have to deal with the personal life of the Bush family. The bombshell dropped in the book is in an interview with George W. Bush's sister-in-law, Sharon Bush.

She reveals that her husband, Neil Bush, and George W. Bush had done cocaine at Camp David while George H.W. Bush was President. Now, we all know little George had a thing for that powder, but at Camp David?

We also find out about Bush's Yale fraternity days which apparently continued well into his 30's before he became a "Born Again Christian."

Another juicy piece is that President George H.W. Bush has had an ongoing affair with aide, Jennifer Fitzgerald. Also we find out that Barbara Bush has a bad temper and other things about the Bush family.

Many people will say that these accusations are nothing but lies and that there is not a grain of truth to any of them.

To those of you who feel this way, I ask you this simple question: Why hasn't anyone sued Kitty Kelley for libel for publishing these books?

While I like the book because it exposes the Bush administration and the Bush family for the elitist scum that they are, I think there are better books out there to get the truth on the most corrupt family of the twentieth century.

For example, "Chain of Command" by Seymour Hersh (who by the way was the journalist who broke the Abu Ghraib prison scandal) details the failure of the Bush administration to actually have proof of WMD's before going into Iraq.

Two more books that I will recommend are "Plan of Attack" by Bob Woodward and "Against All Enemies" by Richard Clarke. These books give you a good look at just how incompetent the Bush administration.

Also, if you want to see the real truth of the Bush administration, Fahrenheit 9/11 comes out on DVD on October 2.

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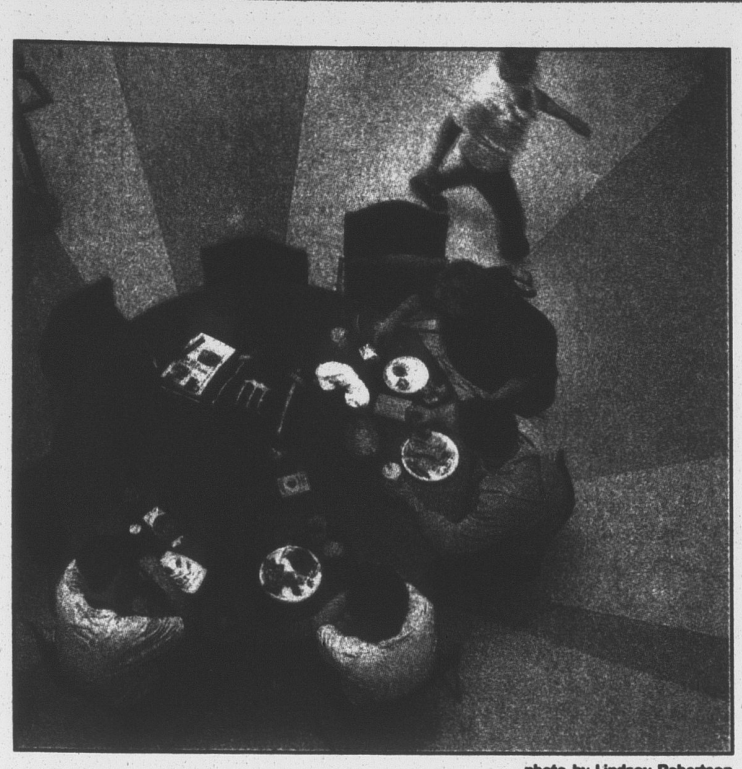

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students dine in the Orchard Street Cafe, where the new meal plan has implemented the greatest change.

All you can eat?

Meal plan designed for students' best interests raises concerns

By Matthew Snyder
Senior Staff Writer

Due to collected data from last year's students, meal plans have been altered by Westminster's dining services from the traditional block plan to the new dine dollars.

This change, according to Marriott Food Services Director Jeff Creveling, relies more heavily on the daily use of Orchard Street Café. It came as a response to the increased use of the café over Galbreath's dining hall last year by many students on campus.

"So many students used Orchard Street with their meal exchanges that we decided to make it more flexible so they could use their meal plans over there," Creveling said.

The block plans from previous years provided students with a simple breakdown of so many meals they could use over the course of the semester. For example, the 195-meal block plan provided 195 meals total from either the dining hall, or the café.

According to Business Manager Don Shelenberger of the Business Office, who also contributed to the new meal plan, many students wasted money on last year's Orchard Street meal exchange. Because a meal could only be exchanged for $4.15 at lunch or $4.65 at dinner, students were very limited in what they could fill their trays with.

Senior Robert Allen echoed this concern. With the new plan, he says he can purchase a meal for $6 or a bottle of water for $2, but that he's able to get what he wants without wasting an odd meal. "But sometimes I feel like the prices are a little steep," he said.

Creveling said that nearly 70 percent of meals used last year had been exchanged at Orchard Street, with only 30% used traditionally at the dining hall. As a result, he said this year's plan provides more spending power.

Additionally, Shelenberger relates that while students favor Orchard Street Café, it is also slightly harder to staff and to keep all of the food hot. The convenience of what he calls "grab-and-go" dining comes with a cost.

Shelenberger explained that with the new 1000 dine dollar meal plan, for instance, a student can eat "in the neighbor-

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Speaker raises sex assault awareness

By Nawal Rajeh
Campus Writer

Nationally acclaimed speaker Rebecca Butler spoke on campus in an attempt to raise awareness about sexual assault.

"Respect: Sexual Assault Awareness" kicked-off Tuesday Sept. 21 at noon when students took the pledge and added their handprints to the banner. Later that evening, Butler gave three speeches: "Alcohol, drugs, and safe dating," "Respect" and "Liberating men."

While Butler told students many things they have already heard, she also shocked students with new facts. In her first speech, Butler told students that 11 of 12 college sexual assaults involve alcohol.

"What really surprised me was when she said that it is illegal in all 50 states to have sex with someone who is drunk because by law they cannot consent," said Junior Renee Friedly, after attending the first session. Among other tips, Butler told students that in order to reduce their risk of becoming a statistic, they should honor their drinking limits.

Butler interacted with the students, asking them what could be done in certain scenarios so that an assault could be avoided. At one point, Butler turned a story around by adding one detail. She asked students to imagine the victim in one of her stories was their sister.

"It [this tactic] put a human face to sexual assault," Dean of Student Affairs, Neal Edman said.

Many students and faculty were pleased with Butler and felt she did what was needed: raised awareness about an important campus issue. Other opinions existed as well. Some, who had heard of Butler before, did not think she lived up to her name as a nationally recognized speaker.

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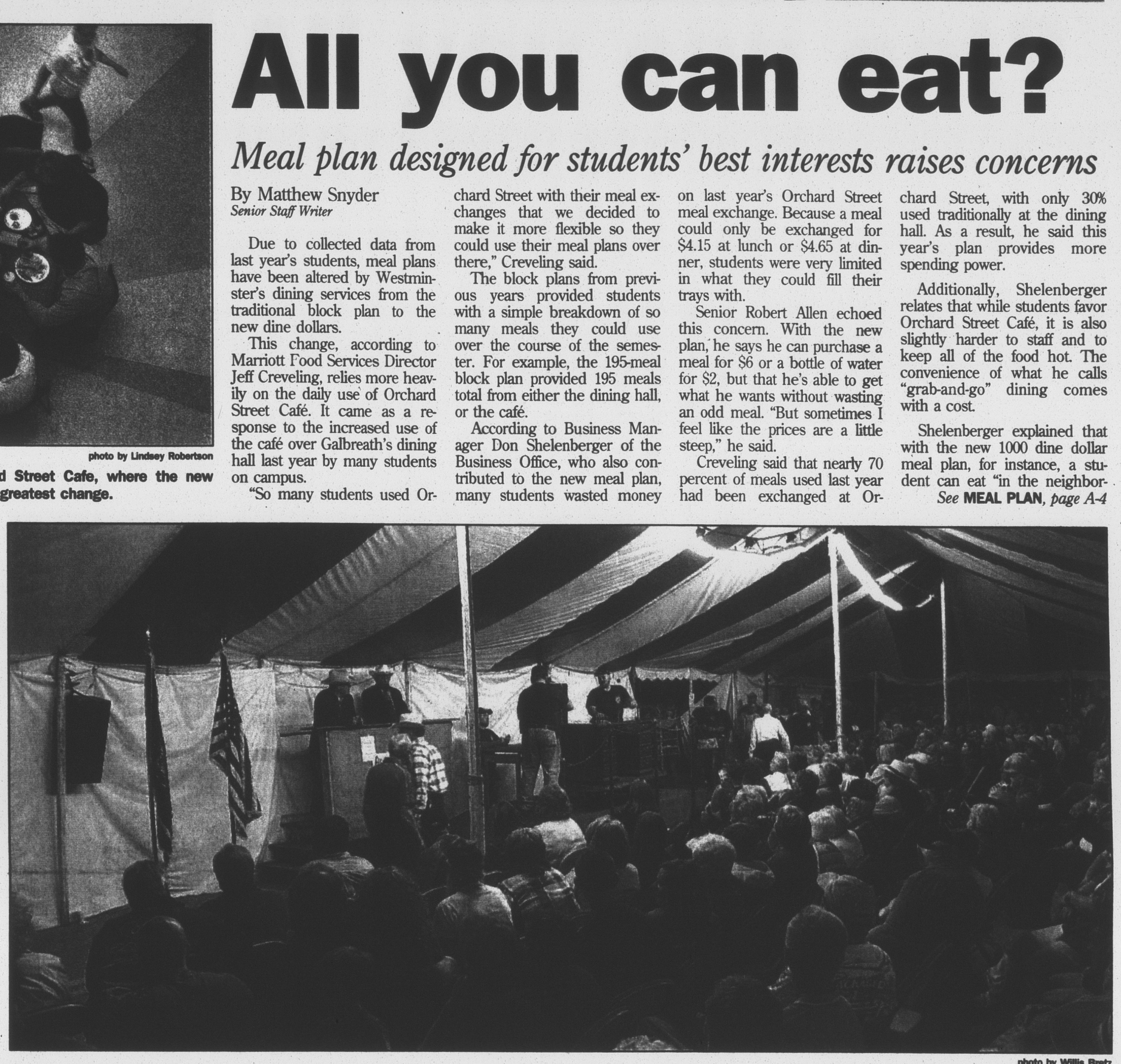

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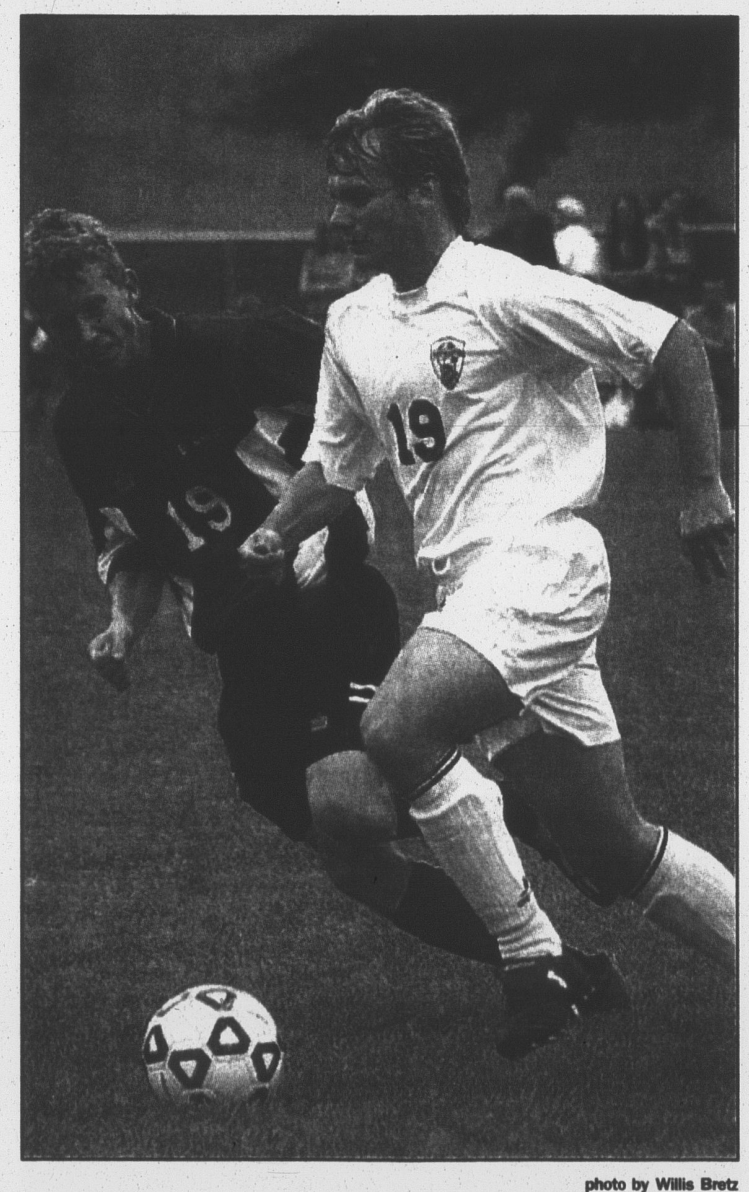
A Day at the Auction

New Wilmington's greatest tradition marked its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the town fire hall. The annual firemen's flea market and auction began at 9 a.m. and lasted late into the night. Students and community members took advantage of the bargains throughout the day. See full story on page A-4.



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German exchange student Stefan Weitzel remains active on campus by playing on the men's soccer team. Here he is carrying the ball downfield during the PAC match-up against Grove City last Saturday.

Exchange students enrich campus culture

By Kellie Gilchrist
Campus Writer

Five new foreign exchange students are on campus this year; a higher attendance rate than usual for Westminster.

They come to Westminster from different countries, with the same objective: to learn the American culture.

"In the past there have only been two or three students at a time. There are five this year… the numbers are growing," said Doreen Matune, secretary of the Associate Dean.

College junior Chris Diamond from Belfast in Northern Ireland is a law major at Queens University. He'll be taking two semesters of business courses here and later return to his home school.

Raphael Pigulla is a computer science major at the University of Passau and Stephan Weitzel is a business major at Georg-Sigmund Ohm University of Nuremburg. Both exchange students are between junior and senior status from Germany. Like Diamond, they will also be staying with the campus community for a year.

Junior Kyu Bo Kim, and senior Don Young Lee from Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea are only here for the fall semester. Kim is a junior psychology major. Lee is a senior with a double major in economics and English.

The majority consensus for studying abroad in America was to improve their English language and understanding of American culture. They felt that it was imperative to their personal success.

"They encourage students to study abroad to get ahead. The English language is very important, every good job requires English," Weitzel said.

For another, studying aboard is a dream come true.

"I'm very interested in American culture. Since I was a child, I knew that I wanted to study abroad in America… this experience is very important to me," Lee said.

Another deciding factor for their study abroad experience was their family support. Most of their families were excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Diamond's parents didn't approve of it at first but, later warmed up to the idea.

"At first my parents were like, 'you're not going' but then they changed their minds because they knew that it was good for me to get away," Diamond said.

When asked why they decided to come to Westminster, each gave slightly different answers. Each person noted that Westminster was a part of their college's partnership exchange program. The partnership program provided them financial aid for travel and schooling here. Kim, Lee and Pigulla said that they found the school Web site and course offerings appealing.

Weitzel based his decision of coming to Westminster on the advice of a friend who studied and played soccer at the Indiana University of Pennyslvania. His friend was approached by Westminster to play soccer, but recommended Weitzel instead. He sent a tape of him playing soccer to coach Girish Thakar and was recruited for the team.

For Diamond, Westminster was conveniently close to his friends who study abroad at other Pennsylvania colleges. Kim and Lee picked Westminster because it is totally opposite from their home environment.

"Our city and university is really big, I didn't want to go to a ig school; I wanted to be in a

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

I heart the Info Desk.

Go for it!!!

Gee, I'm sure glad they put my lost mailbox key in mailbox...

Global warming, or national security? That is the question!

Wow, my brother sucks.

So is anything ever done about these raves?

Browne 1st isn't special enough to get a new edition of the Toilet Paper!

If I'm not allowed to scooter in the MCC, where's the "No Scooting" signs?

Do people know there is a cafeteria? If not, someone should add more seating in the TUB.

If I can't have you, I don't want nobody baby.

I'm sorry, if the school charges me for printing in the labs, I will start a revolution.

Yay! Fall is here!

Who is this ubiquitous "they" everyone refers to in conversations?

I should have been on The Apprentice.

The Veggie-Ranch stomboli is a beautiful thing.

Soul mates exist only in the Hallmark aisle.

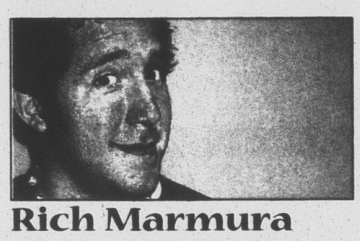
I'm sorry! I love you! Please don't hate me!

Jessica Simpson songs give me a headache.

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Prison food and campus activism

The facts about Sodexho and how they can be used to make a difference



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

We all joke about the food at Westminster, and with good reason. The portions are small, the prices outrageous and the quality continues to sink.

Just last week, I watched two students leaving the TUB (by the way, it is the TUB, not the Orchard Street Café) and I overheard a young man saying "this food makes me feel like I'm in prison," to which his friend replied "yeah, in prison the food is bad too, but at least you aren't charged $8 for it."

What if I told you that these two students aren't that far off?

What if I told you that there is a connection between the Sodexho Marriott and prison facilities all over the world?

What if I told you that not only are you paying for meals, but some of your tax dollars are going to pay to subsidize this company and its shady dealings?

Would you be outraged? Would you revolt? Probably not.

Would you at least read the rest of this article? Hopefully.

Before we go any further, I need to fully explain the situation. I don't want students on campus thinking Jerry or Pat from the TUB help to run these prisons.

The problem is at the international level of Sodexho Alliance (which is the parent company of Sodexho Marriot).

The Sodexho Alliance owns a large chunk of a company called Prison Realty Trust/Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), which, as of 2000, ran 65 facilities in 21 states with a prisoner population of 53,000. In the end, this makes Sodexho Alliance on the leading investors in private prisons in the nation.

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'So what is all the commotion about?' you may be asking, oh patient reader.

In simple enough terms, an activist movement is surging through many college and university campuses in response to the connection between Sodexho Alliance and the building and construction and operation of private prisons all over the world.

The students protesters have different reasons for opposing the Sodexho, moral or monetary, however, they all have one goal; they want Sodexho out.

As I said, many different groups oppose the Sodexho Alliance/private prison connection for various reasons.

In order to make it easier for you to find where you stand on this issue, I have divided the opposition into groups depending on their basic beliefs; I then try to explain their reasoning.

For instance, are you a person who believes that private industry has too much say in politics? While candidates are running for office, they often accept campaign contributions from various corporations and interest groups, like Sodexho Alliance.

Once elected, influenced by corporations like Sodexho, politicians support supposed "tough on crime" legislation that solves crime by merely building more prisons.

But what about the poor areas that can't afford more prisons? Well, that is where Sodexho Alliance steps in; as this corporation comes in and privatizes the prison system and actually makes money off of crime. Upset yet?

Are you one of those 'bleeding heart liberals?' Your counterparts in the protest groups argue that Sodexho Alliance builds prisons that violate basic human rights, such as health and safety issues.

In Tennessee, a lawsuit was filed against an institution and Sodexho Alliance on behalf of a female prisoner who died after 12 hours of pregnancy related complications when staff members would not take her to a hospital.

In addition to flagrant human rights abuses, these "bleeding hearts" argue that Sodexho prisons offer no chance to work towards rehabilitation, but rather simply allow prisoners to "rot and grow angry."

But why would they just want prisoners to grow more violent?', you may ask yourself.

Chris Biggs of The Movement, an anti-privatization group, argues that "The private prisons have an inherent interest in there being more prisons and more prisoners.

These companies are not interested in rehabilitating the prisoners because private prisons are in some ways run like hotels — they want people to keep coming back."

Then we come to those who demand the best possible result for your money (I think this is all of us).

We must realize that tax dollars are used to help Sodexho make money in the private prison market.

So if you work here at Westminster, a tiny bit of your tax dollars, in addition to the $3.00 you pay for your chicken sandwich, go to Sodexho.

Instead of making the people who messed up solve the problem, the problem must be solved by the public sector at the expense of the tax payers. Can anyone say "rip off?"

The next time you feel ripped off at the TUB, you should feel even more ripped off about the performance in these private correction centers. Did you know that a facility run by the CCA (remember, they are also partially owned by Sodexho) in Youngstown had problems with prisoner escaping?

It turns out that in an effort to cut costs and increase profits, the cut security staff was cut to a bare minimum.

The lack of proper guards, combined with general mismanagement, allowed 6 maximum security prisoners to escape in broad daylight.

Additionally, because they are a private institution, they hold no responsibility for recapturing any who escape.

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By the way, speaking of ripoffs, a common defense of this privatization practice is that it will actually save the tax payers money.

This statement, however, is inconclusive as most studies have shown that the cost is the same (if not more) than state run facilities.

Well, we know about the problem. But how do we fix it?

Students at Wheeling Jesuit, American University and many others have banded together and demanded that their institutions condemn this terrible affiliation and break contract with Sodexho Marriott.

When I asked the SGA last year to find Westminster College's official opinion on the subject, I basically got the response (which was not the fault of the SGA in any way) is that Westminster "doesn't care." Unless the Presbytery rules that this is unacceptable, the college itself will do nothing.

I was floored by this comment. I guess the college is too concerned with issues like coed dorms or who sets up tables in the TUB at lunch, to worry about something like this.

In its mission statement, Westminster touts itself as being a place that encourages students to "Develop and demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, society, and the natural world consistent with the understanding of self."

I guess horrible human rights violations and ripping off tax payers doesn't fit into developing moral and ethical commitments.

So what can we do? I see three courses of action.

One being we can just ignore this and go back to watching "Joey" (God forbid).

Or you could contact the Presbytery and petition them to rule on this sort of situation.

Or you could let the school know how you feel, through SGA or Student Affairs.

I suggest the later two actions and I know I will be doing my part.

In the end, dear reader, the power to change this is in your hands. If enough people actually say "enough is enough", we may actually change something at Westminster for the better.

Letter to the Editor

Student printing habits: The impending fees really may be necessary

Dear Editor,

When I read the article on paying to print in the campus computer labs I had to chuckle some, because I can see the headlines now, "Students outraged at having to pay for printing."

Granted Westminster College does tend toward nickel and dimming the student after tuition costs are met, and I will be the first to point it out. But this time I would side with the school.

Outraged students here me out. I have been a computer lab proctor for three years and I have seen first hand the printing habits of this campus. They stink.

I have seen fifty to sixty pages printed out and the owner deciding that wasn't what he or she wanted after all and throwing them in the recycle bin.

I have seen students get impatient with the speed of the printers and leave in a huff, leaving their printouts to be thrown away.

The tables that hold the printers are littered with discarded and forgotten printouts. All wasted paper and money.

The amount of wasted paper on this campus is staggering. Do any of you realize how much cost goes into supplying the labs with paper?

The labs are stocked on average weekly with about seven to thirteen reams of paper for the printer. Everyone has bought paper before and knows how much a ream can cost.

Now multiply that for every lab, every week for the whole year and you are looking at thousands of dollars. That cost goes up when irresponsible students print needlessly.

If you don't need it don't print it. If you can take notes instead, read the parts you need from the computer and take notes. A little writing never hurt anyone.

If the students can prove that their days of wastefulness are over the school is less likely to institute the charge.

The charge is there to cover costs above what they had estimated the paper to be and it is meant to discourage waste.

Face it, students don't break disgusting habits unless someone charges them for it. They don't seem to consider the repercussions.

Professors need to step up to the plate also on this issue. Large projects or papers, whenever possible, should be submitted to the R drive. If you as a professor don't know how to use the R drive, isn't it about time you learned.

Complain about the ridiculous cost of food, or the lack of working clocks in buildings, or the actual waste of student money. This is an issue the students caused and the students can remedy.

Carolyn Kapus

Want to write a letter?

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Outside the Bubble

REGIONAL

Fox Sports Net rejects PETA ad

PITTSBURGH - Fox Sports Net in Pittsburgh won't be running a racy ad produced by the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals, which argues that eating meat clogs arteries leading to the heart, as well as other organs.

Dwight McCune, the network's general sales manager, said the network debated about a week before rejecting what PETA calls its "Impotence Ad." The ad was to have debuted Tuesday during Pittsburgh Sports Tonight, a 30-minute local sports highlight show, that runs every night but Thursdays at 10 p.m.

In the ad, which mimics a pornographic movie, two scantily clad women try to seduce a meat-eating pizza deliveryman who brings them a pizza with "extra sausage." They have better luck with a vegetarian delivery boy who brings them a pizza topped with zucchini.

PETA said CBS turned down $2 million to run the same ad during Super Bowl XXXVIII, and that stations in New York, Boston, Denver and Philadelphia have also rejected it. Decisions made by other networks weren't a factor in Fox Sports Net's decision, McCune said.

"Eating meat supports cruelty to animals and makes meat-eaters fat and unattractive in the short term and leads to impotence and heart disease in the long term _ both of which are serious turnoffs," said Bruce Friedrich, the group's director of vegan campaigns.

Edwards talks terrorism for CMU visit

By Jonathan Kyle
Pitt-cision Coordinator

Storm clouds filled the Pittsburgh sky yesterday as people filed into Wiegand Gymnasium at Carnegie Mellon University. A crowd of more than 1,200 students, faculty and citizens waited anxiously but politely as several speakers primed the crowd for what was to come.

After a short intermission and a brief introduction, Congressman Mike Doyle, D-Pa., climbed the small platform in the midst of the crowd, held the microphone to his mouth, and introduced the guests of honor: Sept. 11, 2001, widow Kristen Breitweiser and vice-presidential candidate John Edwards.

"When John [Kerry] is sworn in as president, we will immediately implement all the reforms recommended by the 9-11 Commission," Edwards said, triggering one of many rounds of applause.

"John [Kerry] and I strongly supported the 9-11 Commission," said the Democratic senator from North Carolina, adding that President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney opposed the creation of the commission.

"Apparently, there are 120,000 hours of surveillance tapes ... not been translated," Edwards said. "We do not know what information is on there because of [Bush's] administration."

Members of the Republican Party, however, have blamed Kerry for voting to cut funding to intelligence and, consequently, allowing intelligence failures. GOP Chairman Ed Gillespie pointed specifically to a $1.5 billion cut in the intelligence budget, which Kerry voted for in 1995.

At one point, Edwards decided to turn the spotlight over to Breitweiser, whose husband, Ron, was killed in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center's second tower, which was hit by a hijacked airplane on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ron, a senior vice president for Fiduciary Trust Company International, was 39 years old.

"I didn't understand how we spent billions of dollars on defense, and 19 hijackers brought our great nation to its knees," Breitweiser said. Her questions led her to lobby for a commission to investigate the attacks, as well as the problems that led to the attacks.

"It was a fight," Breitweiser said, recalling that she spent her own money and invested time in meetings at the White House. She added that she never met with the president.

"What we received back was nothing but a battle," Breitweiser said. "President Bush opposed the creation of the panel."

In May, 2002, members of the Bush administration said that they had opposed the panel because they believed Senate intelligence committees should investigate the matter. Breitweiser's proposals called for an independent panel, which Bush eventually supported.

"One of the things the 9-11 Commission report found in its hearing was that there was no connection between Iraq and [Sept. 11, 2001]," Breitweiser said.

According to NewsMax Magazine, however, Bush said the 9-11 Commission found evidence of communication between Iraq and Al-Qaida that preceded Sept. 11, 2001, but that there was no working relationship.

Both sets of candidates agree that the United States faces many threats from the world.

"Iran has moved forward with their nuclear weapons program, and it's an extraordinary risk to the stability of the region," Edwards said. "You don't hear George Bush talk about it, because [his administration has] not taken the steps necessary to confront those threats."

"[The Bush administration] told us about a year ago that the price of oil, at this point, would be $27 a barrel," Edwards said.

On Monday, the price of oil reached $50.47 per barrel, before closing at $49.64. Historically, the price has never been more than $50 per barrel.

"We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Edwards said.

In an interview with Judy Woodruff in February, John Kerry said he is in favor of more drilling projects in Alaska, but not in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. ANWR has been a point of contention between environmentalists and the Bush administration.

Eight claiming abuse sue Pittsburgh diocese; one suit filed in Allentown

PITTSBURGH - Eight people who claim they were sexually abused by Roman Catholic priests sued the Pittsburgh Diocese on Wednesday.

The people, who ranged in age from 8 to 15 when the alleged abuse began, filed civil suits in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court against the diocese, Bishop Donald Wuerl and Philadelphia's former archbishop, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua. The alleged abusers are not named in the suits because the statute of limitations to file such claims against them have expired.

Lawyers representing the victims said the diocese protected and reassigned priests that were involved in abusing children.

Alan Perer, an attorney representing the alleged victims, said the new cases brings the number of lawsuits against the diocese regarding priest abuse to 33. All those suits were still pending as of Wednesday, he said.

In a statement released by the diocese, church officials said all of the allegations in the lawsuits against the diocese involve priests removed from the ministry or who have died.

"To (the diocese's) knowledge and under the leadership of Bishop Wuerl, there is no priest serving in ministry today in the diocese against whom there is a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor," the diocese stated.

"Today's filing is nothing more than another step in a publicity campaign by these attorneys to gain notoriety for litigation regarding a conspiracy that never existed."

On Tuesday, another lawsuit was filed in Berks County Court against the Allentown Diocese.

In that suit, Diana L. Vojtasek, 30, of Blandon, claims she was sexually abused by the Rev. James Gaffney while attending Reading Central Catholic High School, where he was vice principal and disciplinarian.The abuse began in 1990 and continued for two years, the lawsuit contends.

Gaffney is accused in the suit but is not named as a defendant because the two-year statute of limitations for sexual abuse claims has expired. He is the 11th diocesan priest accused of abuse in 13 lawsuits filed in Lehigh, Berks and Schuylkill counties since January.

The defendants are the diocese, Bishop Edward Cullen, retired Bishop Thomas J. Welsh and the high school. The school referred questions to the diocese, which issues a statement denying culpability and noting that an investigation two years ago by district attorneys in five counties revealed no prosecutable cases.

OFF CAMPUS

Stand-in for Libertarian presidential candidate Badnarik visits Pitt

By Stephanie Hacke
Pitt News Staff Writer

It's every college student's dream and every mainstream politician's nightmare: lowering the drinking age and legalizing marijuana. Individual rights, without government interference, are what the Libertarian Party is all about.

The party held a rally Sunday afternoon in Posvar Hall, where more than 40 people showed up to listen, support and question libertarians from all over the nation.

"It's about knowing that there's not just two options," says Pitt student Candace Brayfield.

"It's voting for your values, voting for your principles."

Pitt student Mike Devinney and a group of friends who attended the rally met after the meeting with hopes of starting a Libertarian club on campus.

"We basically want to have discussions. We want to discuss the Libertarian principles with each other and form a club based on this," Devinney said.

The Libertarian Party is socially liberal and economically conservative, according to Libertarian Presidential Candidate Mike Badnarik's personal assistant, Jon Airheart.

"The truth is the truth, and we're not afraid to say it," Airheart said. "We believe that government involvement needs to end."

The Badnarik campaign has been traveling the nation, visiting between 10 and 15 universities in the last couple of weeks. Badnarik, who was detained in Florida by Hurricane Jeanne, did not make it to Sunday's rally.

"Young people get it," Airheart said. "Because you leave a nice house with great food and a loving mom and you go to, what, a studio apartment with a rusted Volkswagen in the driveway [and] a mini fridge with leftover bologna? Why would you do that?"

"The answer is liberty," he added. "You love Mom and Dad, but it's time to make decisions for yourself. Does the government love you more than Mom and Dad? The republicans want to be your daddy, and the democrats want to be your mommy."

The Libertarian Party's first concern relating to college students is the draft. According to Badnarik, the democrats and the republicans both want to restore the draft.

"My personal view on it is that if people are not volunteering for the military, then they are not supporting the war that is going on," Badnarik said in an interview conducted over the phone.

Airheart elaborated on their view of the draft.

"We're the only candidate that thinks that the draft is voluntary servitude," he said. "The government works for us, not the other way around.

"If there's not enough people signing up to fight the war, then maybe, just maybe, we shouldn't be there," he continued.

"That's our way of saying that we don't want to be there."

According to Airheart, the war in Iraq was a mistake that should be remedied quickly.

"We have an obligation to leave. We should've never been there in the first place, and we need to get out," Airheart said.

"We will tell our military advisers that we need to get our soldiers out as safely and as quickly as possible. It shouldn't take more than three months."

Badnarik also shared his views on Social Security.

"We have to choose between letting the elderly starve or forcing the young people to pay into something that they'll never get anything out of," he said.

"I always tell people that by the time college students are eligible, they will have pushed the age back to 120 until they're eligible, and the only benefit will be a free cell phone," Badnarik says. "We need to let the young people out of Social Security and offer a privatized system."

"We're not just taking it away; we're just taking it out of the hands of the government," he added. "Then, for the elderly, if we get rid of the Department of Education, the [Food and Drug Administration], the [Environmental Protection Agency], then we'll have the money to spend on the elderly people today."

He also hopes to privatize health care.

"If you privatize it, then the quality of service goes up and the cost goes down," Badnarik said.

"We need to get rid of all these insurance companies. If we get rid of government jobs, then we'll push all that money back into your pockets."

When discussing the government, Airheart sounded something like a republican, but more extreme.

"We want to move the power back to the people. We first want to move it back to the states and then, ultimately, to the people," Airheart said.

"We think that things get done on a local level more efficiently."

"The government gives people the false sense of security," Airheart added.

Badnarik, a 50-year-old who lives in Texas, said he enjoys scuba diving, sky diving and studying the Constitution.

According to Airheart, Badnarik's goal this election is to make it to the presidential debates.

"A debate between [George W.] Bush and [John] Kerry is like a Broadway play: scripted questions and answers. You got to make a pot of coffee if you're going to stay up and watch it," Airheart said, explaining that Badnarik talks from the heart, with nothing written down in front of him.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korean refugees attempt to find asylum at Canadian Embassy in Beijing

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING - Forty-four men, women and children using ladders clambered over a spiked fence around the Canadian Embassy on Wednesday in what appeared to be the biggest recent bid for asylum by North Koreans. One other man was stopped by police.

The group, which reportedly included two former political prisoners, was an embarrassing reminder of the dismal conditions in North Korea, whose isolationist, Stalinist dictatorship is officially China's ally.

There was no immediate indication whether the incident might hinder Chinese diplomatic efforts to persuade North Korea to attend a new round of six-nation talks on Washington's demand that the North up its nuclear weapons program. China is obligated by treaty to send home fleeing North Koreans, but hasn't done so in cases that become public.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans fleeing famine and repression at home live in hiding in China's northeast. Hundreds have been allowed to leave for South Korea over the past three years after gaining refuge by dashing into embassies and other foreign offices in China.

Canadian officials said they couldn't provide any details on the embassy invaders.

"We are in the process of speaking to them to determine who they are and what they expect of us," Ambassador Joseph Caron told reporters outside his embassy's gate. "It would appear there were some North Koreans in the group."

The group was made up of five families and included an escapee from a North Korean prison and a woman who had been a political prisoner, the South Korean newspaper Chosun Ilbo reported on its Web site. It said a 66-year-old woman in the group had escaped once before from the North in 1997 but was caught and sent home.

Asylum bids have become common in Beijing despite Chinese government efforts to block them by erecting barriers of barbed wire in the capital's embassy districts and posting extra guards, sometimes armed with machine guns. Earlier this month, 29 people claiming to be North Koreans forced their way through a fence into a Japanese school in Beijing.

Chinese leaders have rejected appeals to treat North Koreans living in China as refugees, saying they are economic migrants. But most North Korean asylum-seekers who get into an embassy are allowed to leave for South Korea after a few days, following interviews to confirm their identities.

Caron said two groups of North Koreans entered Canada's embassy two years ago. At least two of them were eventually taken to South Korea, he said.

Last year, a total of 1,285 North Koreans reached South Korea by various routes, up from 1,140 in 2002.

A Chinese police officer outside the Canadian Embassy said he saw the group run across a street carrying three metal ladders, place them against the fence and climb over.

Caron said he couldn't confirm whether anyone was detained, but he said a few people were injured. He did not provide any details.

Campus News

Meal Plan

All you can eat?

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hood of 160 meals if [they] eat every meal at the dining room."

Though this is fewer than the number of meals the 195 block plan had provided, students can potentially get meals for cheaper than the $6 or $6.50 they pay at the dining hall over at Orchard Street.

"The students want flexibility," Shelenberger said, "but the flexibility and freedom has a price."

The new plan not only permits students to spend dollar amounts rather than block amounts at Orchard Street, but also allows all remaining dine dollars to "roll over" into next semester, something that never occurred before with block plans.

According to Creveling, the meal plan changes went through several key individuals before being instituted. They began based off input from students and the Food Advisory board on the SGA.

Shelenberger and Creveling also added their input in piecing together the plan, and then the new plan was presented to the Vice President of Finance and Management Services, formerly Bill Birkhead.

The President and his staff also looked at and approved the new plan.

Some students are also concerned about a dining facilities fee that everybody on the meal plans has paid.

"No matter what meal plan you've got, $500 of it still goes to the TUB," sophomore Jason Mitchell said.

The $500 fee, according to Creveling, goes toward heat, electric, maintenance and other costs involved with running the dining facilities on campus.

Mitchell, who initially liked the idea of dine dollar meal plans, is now less enthusiastic. "The portions really aren't that big, and you have to spend more money just to be full," he said.

Sophomore Derek Ferrier isn't sure whether or not he approves of the changes yet.

"Seven-hundred dollars doesn't mean much to me now," Ferrier said. "But after this semester I'll be able to manage better and figure out what that really means."

Shelenberger also expressed the concern that students would run down their dine dollars too quickly.

"Our fear will be the students will consume all their dollars at the beginning of the semester and be short at the end."

"What we'll do is we will review how the meal plan works this year and see what changes need to be made," said Creveling, who helps develop the meal plan for Westminster students each year.

"Because what we may find is 1000 dine dollars isn't enough, that we need to offer bigger plans for some students."

Shelenberger advocates that students use their dollars responsibly and efficiently.

"Take advantage of specials," he said. "[Students can] have several small meals rather than loading up their tray, try to make their dollars stretch."

Students who still have concerns or questions about the new meal plan are encouraged to speak with Creveling.

"The big thing is, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask me."

Exchange

Exchange students enrich campus culture

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good place for me to learn English," Lee said.

"I heard the school was very small, I wanted to go where there were less Koreans so that I could be forced to learn the culture and speak English," Kim said.

Both admit that taking such stance makes them feel lonely some times, and cautious of their actions, since they are 'representatives' in a sense to a Caucasian majority who knows little about the Korean culture.

All but one carries three classes, and they all fair well with their courses. Those who still struggle with English find it a little difficult to understand their professors.

All admitted that the courses here are easier than the courses at their home universities.

"The classes are bigger in Germany. You only get one big test at the end of the semester. If you have a bad day when you take the test, you fail, but here you have a chance to redeem yourself. It's like high school here," Weitzel said.

All of the students agreed that their major adjustment problems were with the unwritten rules of American conduct and culture. Some found them to be contradictory and they couldn't understand why America is so liberal with some policies but strict with others. Drinking ages is one example cited.

Some had to get used to the American 'small talk' since our culture is more sociable than others.

"At home everyone keeps to themselves," Diamond said.

Additionally, Kim had to adjust to his exposure to sexual minorities on campus.

"In my country homosexuality is not widely accepted, it's there but not as widely accepted as it is here," Kim said.

Weitzel is involved with the soccer team and Sigulla is employed in the work study program as a computer lab proctor. When asked what they would like to see at Westminster, some said they wish there were more choices of things to do around campus.

Kim and Lee wish there was an Asian studies club, and was disappointed to find that the Asian culture club no longer exists on campus.

"I wish there was a language exchange program so that I can teach Korean and someone could teach me the English language." Lee said.

Firemen's auction a success

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

For one day only, the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department had a scent that was not associated with a charred, burning smell, but rather with a smell of cold ice cream, sizzling sausages and Amish-kneaded doughnuts.

It was the annual firemen's auction and flea market held on Saturday, Sept. 25, marking the 50th anniversary of one of New Wilmington's fondest traditions.

The citizens of New Wilmington have long since reaped the benefits of having one of the few true local volunteer fire departments.

Since 1955, the fire hall has charged not a single penny, fee or a local tax to the community for its services. This capability, to not take from the community or from the Pennsylvania government, is an accomplishment in which the firefighters take gleeful pride.

When prompted for the single most important thing the fire hall does, Mr. James Gilliland, auction chairman and firefighter, responded with pride. "You're not paying for it," he said. And then following with a huge grin, "And hopefully you'll never have to because of this Saturday."

And a great deal of pride should be felt. Gilliland had not slept in weeks, finally returning from a call at 8:30 p.m. to sit down with his family and to eat some well-earned lasagna. "We've put in so many hours," he said. "Well, I don't actually remember the last time I've slept."

In fact, the auction, almost as if by tradition, never ceases all year long. Gilliland says of the process, "Once it's finished, within the next few weeks the ladies are back at it again getting us geared up— getting us ready for the next one."

Carolyn Huff, wife of the auctioneer, sold costume jewelry and pins at the flea-market, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Most people are coming to get what they want," she said. "But we don't let anyone in til 9 a.m. It was a long line this morning."

The visitors come from far and wide to take advantage of the great steals; however, the firefighters all live within a two-mile radius of the hall. Most of the fire fighters are citizens with names that are well-known around New Wilmington. Many are direct descendents of the founding 12 that began the fire hall in 1893.

The fire hall was originally called the New Wilmington Hose Company. "We are constantly updating, needing new equipment and technology," Gilliland said. "Right now, we need a new fire truck to get to those three story buildings because New Wilmington is growing."

In 1955, the department agreed to kick off the auction with a new truck to provide, according to assistant chairman Amy Houyouse, "fire protection for homes that did not have hydrants readily available."

Unfortunately, the hall needed that new tank, but it was short $2,000. This began the traditional ongoing flea market and auction in the town.

Today, as the department grows, it still asks for the community's help, and now more than ever. Gary Huff, fireman and auctioneer, says that they have a serious need of "replacing the old Tanker 1154 within the next year at approximately $175,000."

"We just recently replaced 30 self contained breathing air packs and other items, spending $80,100," he said.

They need these items because they believe in serving and sharing with the area. With the profound respect the community holds for its volunteer firemen and with the outstanding popularity of the auction each year, it is not hard to see why last year alone the fire department raised upwards of $76,000.

The amount of money raised at last Saturday's auction is yet to be determined.

photo by Megan Sigler

Students signed this banner in a pledge to stop sexual assault. It hangs from the second floor of the Orchard Street Cafe.

Assault

Speaker raises sexual assault awareness

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Edman said he felt she lost sight of her audience at times and especially so in the third session. He thought that she didn't articulate her message well to men.

"I had hoped there would have been a more dynamic interaction with the audience, but if she impacted one person, it was worth it," Dr. Grove, a professor of political science said.

Raising awareness about sexual assault may have students and faculty wondering how big of a problem this is on campus.

While Grove and other members see this as a problem everywhere, exempting no one, she explained that since the Task Force has started, its members have realized that a big problem on this campus is the under reporting of such instances.

The Sexual Assault Task Force, which began in the fall of 2003, hopes to reduce that problem and others.

Many students and faculty underwent training last winter to become sexual assault advisors. Their hopes are that students will feel comfortable talking to an advisor or counselor and seeking out the help they need if assaulted.

"These are really caring people," said Edman, about those trained as advisors.

Another problem the Task Force sees is the general culture of our times.

"I had hoped there would have been a more dynamic interaction with the audience, but if she impacted one person, it was worth it."

Dr. Andrea Grove

"People need to better informed. They need to know that the victim is not to blame in any way," Dr. Hicok, a professor of English said

Dr. Evann Garrison, professor of English, worries that the pressure of the college party scene is not healthy.

"We don't talk about it as a culture. We watch Friends and think it's just like that," said Garrison.

Many saw the events on Sept. 21 as a good start to dealing with this problem. Members of the Task Force hope to see the momentum continue and the respect issue sticking with students.

A lot of administrative work went into making the events happen as well as work on behalf of the students in the task force.

"I just want to praise the students for all their hard work," said Dr. Grove.

If anyone is interested in learning more about or joining the task force, they can contact Grove at groveak@westminster.edu.

There will be another training session this year for those interested in becoming advisors.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 65	High 63	High 60	High 62	High 65	High 63	High 66
Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Morning showers; then some sun	Sunny to partly cloudy	Plenty of sun, cool	Times of clouds and sunshine	Clouds and sun, chance showers	Some sun, chance showers	Times of clouds and sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:19 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
Sunday	7:20 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Monday	7:21 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	9:06 p.m.	11:38 a.m.
Sunday	9:42 p.m.	12:43 p.m.
Monday	10:25 p.m.	1:43 p.m.
Tuesday	11:16 p.m.	2:38 p.m.
Wednesday	none	3:25 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27

Weather History

On Oct. 3, 1979, Connecticut's first recorded October tornado struck north of Hartford. The twister killed three, injured 500 and did over $200 million damage in the area around Bradley International Airport.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	65	40	sh	64	44	s	62	42	sh	63	44	s	65	44	c
Butler, PA	68	40	t	64	42	s	60	42	sh	62	42	s	66	43	pc
Cambridge, OH	66	39	sh	65	42	s	63	43	pc	65	44	s	67	45	c
Canton, OH	65	39	sh	64	43	s	62	42	sh	63	44	s	65	44	c
Cincinnati, OH	67	42	sh	68	44	pc	66	44	pc	68	48	s	72	48	s
Clarion, PA	63	38	t	61	41	s	60	41	sh	61	42	s	63	41	pc
Clarksburg, WV	68	43	t	66	43	s	65	44	pc	67	45	s	68	42	pc
Cleveland, OH	68	42	sh	62	44	s	60	44	sh	64	46	pc	67	45	c
Columbus, OH	65	42	sh	67	45	pc	66	45	pc	66	48	s	67	47	pc
Cumberland, MD	69	46	t	64	43	s	64	46	pc	64	46	s	66	45	pc
Erie, PA	65	44	sh	62	48	s	59	47	sh	61	48	pc	65	47	c
Franklin, PA	62	38	sh	60	40	s	60	42	sh	62	42	pc	63	41	c
Greensburg, PA	69	43	t	65	45	s	64	47	sh	66	47	s	66	46	pc
Greenville, PA	63	39	sh	62	43	s	60	43	sh	61	44	pc	65	40	c
Grove City, PA	65	39	t	61	41	s	60	41	sh	61	42	s	65	41	c
Hagerstown, MD	70	50	t	68	46	s	64	46	pc	66	48	s	67	47	s
Indiana, PA	69	42	t	66	48	s	64	48	sh	67	48	s	66	46	pc
Jamestown, NY	61	40	sh	57	42	s	58	43	sh	59	43	pc	62	41	pc
Kittanning, PA	69	42	t	65	46	s	63	46	sh	65	46	s	66	45	pc
Lisbon, OH	65	39	t	63	44	s	62	43	sh	63	44	s	66	43	c
Mansfield, OH	63	38	sh	64	42	pc	61	42	pc	63	44	s	66	43	s
Marietta, OH	69	41	t	67	42	s	66	45	pc	68	48	s	69	46	pc
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Meadville, PA	62	40	sh	60	43	s	59	43	sh	60	45	pc	64	43	c
Morgantown, WV	69	43	t	66	45	s	65	47	pc	66	47	s	68	47	s
New Castle, PA	66	40	sh	63	43	s	61	43	sh	62	44	pc	66	43	c
Oil City, PA	63	38	sh	61	41	s	61	42	sh	62	43	pc	64	41	c
Pittsburgh, PA	68	44	t	64	44	s	62	40	pc	64	44	s	66	44	pc
Sharon, PA	64	38	sh	62	43	s	60	43	sh	61	43	pc	65	42	c
Somerset, PA	64	42	t	60	42	s	60	44	sh	58	45	s	61	43	pc
Steubenville, OH	67	41	t	65	45	s	63	45	sh	64	46	s	67	45	pc
Uniontown, PA	68	41	t	66	43	s	64	45	pc	66	45	s	68	42	s
Warren, OH	65	39	sh	62	43	s	61	43	sh	62	43	pc	66	42	c
Washington, PA	65	38	t	64	41	s	62	41	pc	64	42	s	67	42	s
Waynesburg, PA	67	40	t	65	43	s	63	44	pc	65	44	s	67	45	s
Wheeling, WV	67	41	t	65	46	s	63	46	pc	64	46	s	68	44	s
Youngstown, OH	64	38	sh	62	43	s	60	43	sh	61	43	pc	65	43	c
Wooster, OH	63	35	sh	62	41	s	62	39	sh	62	41	s	67	41	c
Zanesville, OH	66	40	sh	65	42	s	64	43	pc	66	44	s	68	44	pc

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Titan soccer dominates

Men's and women's teams continue to decimate opponents

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

It shouldn't be to anyone's surprise that both the men and women's soccer teams dominated their opponents once again last weekend.

The men started off by taking on Pitt-Greensburg. It was a hard fought game, but the Titans came from behind to take a victory, with a score of 4-3. This win bumps their record to a perfect 8-0 on the season. The game was tied at half, thanks to a late goal by freshman Garret Horvath. As the second half started, the Titans grabbed the lead on a Sam Robinson goal one minute in. The Bobcats did come to take the lead of the game 3-2, but sophomore Blake Ordell responded by netting the game-tying goal. The game-winning goal came soon after, off the foot of sophomore Alex Castillo.

Winning eight games in a row just was not good enough for the Titans. The team got win number nine after defeating PAC rival Grove City College, 2-0. Their 9-0 record is now the best in team history. This win also keeps them at a perfect 2-0 in PACs. Sophomore Mark Sadler and freshman Garret Horvath scored the two goals for the Titans in the win. Sophomore goalkeeper Anthony Beilstein recorded his sixth shutout of this season. The men now look toward the defending PAC champions Washington and Jefferson next.

"I feel that team chemistry is at a level it has never been at before," senior defender Christian Davoli said. "We all have confidence in each other and we feel that as a team, no one can beat us if we play our game."

The Lady Titans have also increased their win streak to three when they defeated Pitt-Greensburg 3-0. Their record improves to 6-1 overall. The stat that stands out from this game is the fact that the ladies have outscored their opponents in their seven games 23-1. Senior Angie DePascle scored two goals while her senior classmate Stephanie Toth closed the door with the third goal. The ladies out-shot the Bobcats 25-7. Senior keepers Nicole Drummond and Laura Vollmer combine for the sixth shutout of the season.

As if scoring twenty-three goals to their opponent's one, was not enough, the ladies once again shutout Mount Union 3-0. This was increases their win streak to four games and their record to 7-1. The Ladies had then outscored their opponents 26-1 on the season. Freshman Scarlett Bretz netted another 2 goals and had an assist in the win. Her teammate Etzel Hardman also scored an insurance goal to ice the game for the titans. Mount Union was out shot 10-7, and senior tandem of Drummond and Vollmer combine for another shut out.

However, the Lady Titans posted a loss to non-conference rival Allegheny College on Monday afternoon. Their four-game winning streak snapped with a 3-1 loss. Freshman Scarlett Bretz scored the only goal of the game. At press time, they remain 2-0 in the PACs.

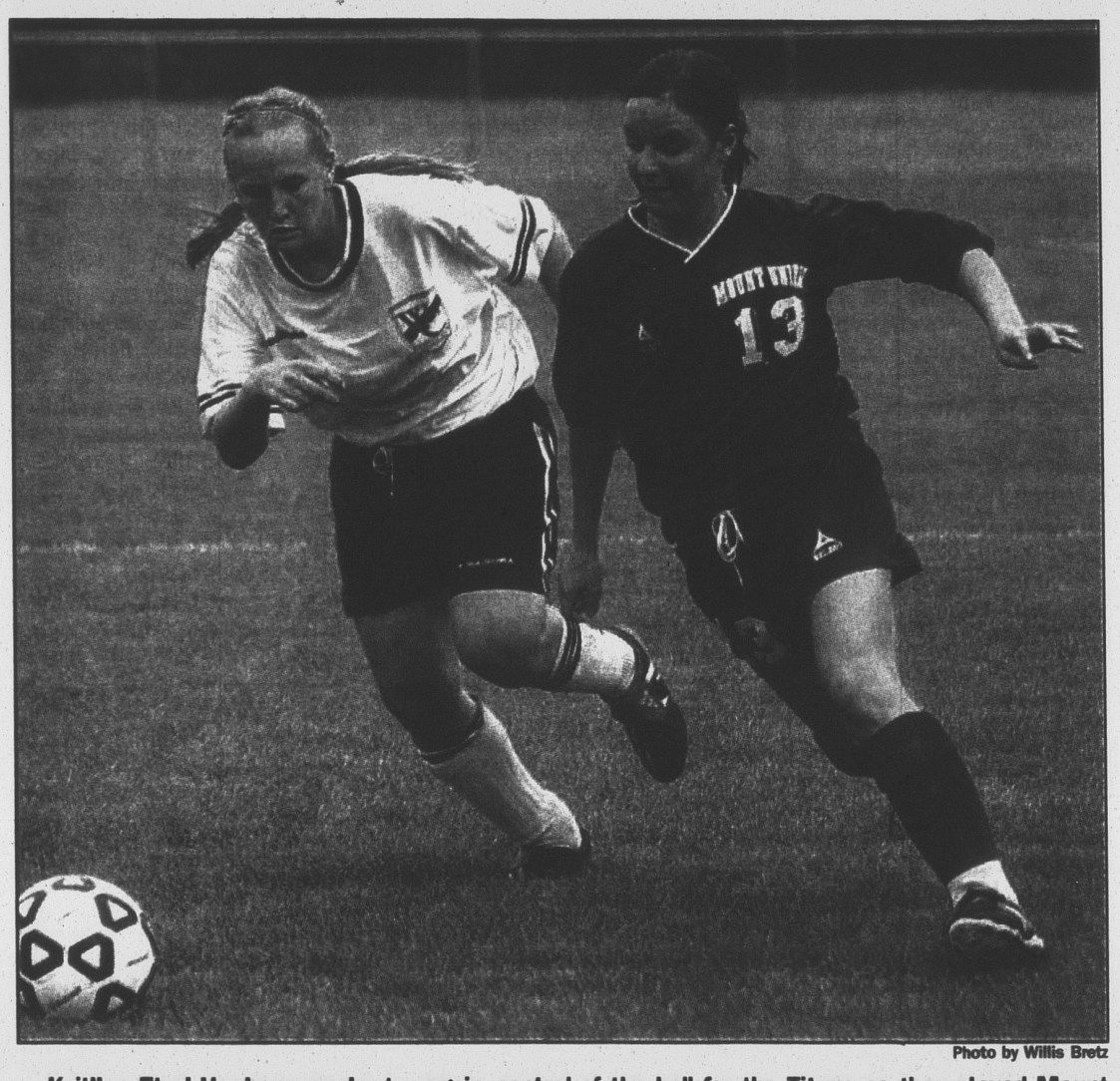
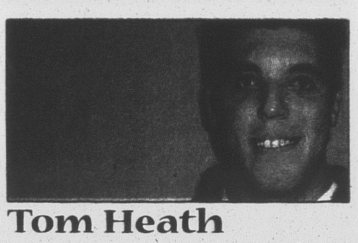


Photo by Willis Bretz

Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman works to regain control of the ball for the Titans as they played Mount Union last Saturday. The Lady Titans won the game, 3-0.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Pat Tillman: A true American

I was talking with a close friend the other day when she revealed to me that she had lost a friend in Iraq last week. I really didn't even know what to say. Some things are definitely left unsaid. What can you say to something like that? Everyone feels that their situations are different and no one really understands. You have to remember that no matter where you are from, this whole situation has affected each and every one of us whether we know it or not. We may have a father, mother, brother or sister serving our country, or we may have friends and other loved ones in action. I know one of my close friends from high school is serving in the Air Force in Saudi Arabia. I have talked with him several times and it is a definite struggle. I think about this situation almost daily. No matter where you turn, TV, newspapers or even your fellow class mates. You hear of something or someone to do with Iraq or the war on terror.

With all of our losses, we need to look into the positive aspect of things. One person who I feel is a real American hero and someone who should be looked upon as a God among men is Former Arizona Cardinal Pat Tillman. He truly gave the ultimate sacrifice. Not only did he give his life for his country, he gave up millions and millions of dollars to play the game he loved and left his wife and small child at home to serve. After the September 11th attacks, he felt that he needed to do something. That something was to join the armed forces and serve his country. In the professional sports arena this is a rare thing to happen. Many of these professional athletes forget the meaning of life and are consumed by material possessions. Pat Tillman was not alone; there were several other NFL players that have left the big bucks to make the ultimate sacrifice. There were 21 active players during World War II who gave their lives and two during Vietnam.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue really said it best: "Pat Tillman personified all the best values of his country and the NFL. He was an achiever and leader on many levels who always put his team, his community and his country ahead of his personal interests. Like other men and women protecting our freedom around the world, Pat made the ultimate sacrifice and gave his life in the service of our country. We are deeply saddened by his loss and, on behalf of everyone in the NFL; we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Tillman family."

This is old news to a lot of people; I know that pretty much anyone that has some sort of exposure to mass media has heard about this one way or another. Two weeks ago, all players in the NFL wore the number 40 on their helmets in all games played. There was a ceremony in Arizona that really moved me. This really puts a new spin on my thoughts and my emotions about the whole situation. I really feel that all Americans should be wearing a number 40, but not on clothing, on your hearts. Be thankful for people like Pat Tillman. His story is unique, yet at the same time there are thousands of other Pat Tillman's serving our country. Everyone has their own story, their own purpose in life. We each need to realize this and use our gifts and attributes to the best of our abilities. Life is a precious gift and we need to take it a day at a time and be thankful.

Takah's tidbits: recognizing student-athlete accomplishments

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

I was sitting in my room, perusing the Titan Athletic webpage when I realized that various Titan athletes have accomplished extraordinary feats this season.

In an effort to highlight interesting facts about our various sports programs, I've compiled "Takah's Tidbits."

This series of "Takah's Tidbits" seeks to highlight extreme success stories among our Titan athletes.

In football, on Saturday, September 25, senior running back Scott Froelich rushed for 186 yards.

It was the twenty-second time Froelich has surpassed 100 yards rushing in a game for the Blue and White.

On the other side of the ball, sophomore defensive back Joey Tissler posted his first collegiate interception.

At press time, the men's and women's soccer team had a combined record of 16-1.

The men stood at a perfect 9-0. It's the single best start to a season in program history.

The women boast a 7-1 mark. However, perhaps more impressively, the Lady Titan booters have outscored their opponents 26-1.

The soccer programs aren't the only Titan squads enjoying phenomenal success this season.

In two tournaments thus far this season, the men's golf team has captured first in both events.

They were paced by sophomore Robbie Jewell to capture the La Roche College Fall Invitational before using a team effort to capture the Titan Invitational.

Though the fall athletic season is young, the Titan sports program has continued to add to a tradition of excellence.

This column seeks to expose nuances about our Titan athletes while also congratulating them for extraordinary effort.

Football team wins on the road

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, September 25, the Titan football team evened its season mark at 2-2 by defeating the Thomas More College Saints by the count of 23-13.

After stumbling out of the gate this season with two losses, the Titans have rebounded and now boast a .500 record.

The Titans seem to be making strides toward discovering a team identity founded on a ball-control offense and a playmaking defense.

"[Our offense] has been searching for an identity," head coach Jerry Schmitt said. "I believe the reason for this is that there are so many new players on [the offensive] side of the ball and they have been working hard to come together as a group.

"I am not sure yet exactly how you would describe that offensive identity, but I know that group will do anything they need to help win the football game," Schmitt added.

An emerging offensive identity again surfaced against the Saints in the form of a stalwart running attack.

For the game, senior running back Scott Froelich continued to improve upon his weighty collegiate resume.

Froelich entered the week as Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette Division III National Co-Player of the Week, a member of the D3Football.com National Team of the Week, ECAC Division III Southwest Offensive Player of the Week, and Presidents' Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts against the Hiram Terriers.

Against the Saints, Froelich posted 35 carries for 186 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Joe Getsy replaced sophomore J.R. Barley in the second quarter. Barley left the game due to an injury and finished the day 2-of-7 for 37 yards.

Getsy tossed for 77 yards on 5-of-13 passing while rushing four times for 20 yards.

Sophomore wide receiver Jake Buzard hauled in two passes for 18 yards and senior wide out Brian Ekis caught one ball for 35 yards.

Defensively, as was the case against Hiram, the Titans used a solid effort by the entire unit to keep the Saints in check. The Titans are using a balanced, blue-collar attack to succeed on the defensive side of the football, making big plays when tested.

"The big plays they have made have been a direct result of the hard work they have done to be in the right place at the right time all the time," Schmitt said.

Senior linebacker Ryan Aleski led the defense with seven tackles. Fellow senior linebacker Tommy Kaminski posted three stops, two pass breakups, and one quarterback sack.

The defensive line was led by junior defensive linemen Adam Hadbavny and Ryan Chmura. The two combined for 11 tackles, three of which for losses.

In the defensive backfield, sophomore defensive back Joey Tissler posted his first collegiate interception to round out a solid defensive effort.

After beginning the season with two losses, the Titans have rebounded to enter conference play at an even record.

After a bye-week, the Titans travel to Washington, Pa. on October 9 to battle PAC rival, the Washington & Jefferson Presidents at Cameron Stadium.

The game marks the beginning of the conference season for the Titans.

Women's volleyball begins PAC quest

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The women's volleyball team traveled to the OWU Invitational last weekend. They managed to gain a 2-2 split, which moved their record to 9-9 overall.

The Titans were able to defeat Otterbin and Hanover while losing to Penn-State Behrend and Anderson College. Leading the way in the Otterbein match was freshman Hannah Parker, who had a team-best thirteen kills and twelve digs.

Sophomore Racheal Cooper had twenty-seven assists and had a team high twenty-four digs. Senior Lauren Lalama had nineteen assists and eighteen digs. Junior Erin Hinks chipped in with three aces while senior Sarah McKain had four blocks.

During the match with Hanover, Parker came through with fourteen kills and fourteen digs.

Sophomore Katie McDermott played well with three aces and three blocks. The tandem of Cooper and Lalama had twenty-one and twelve assists respectively. Sarah McKain had a team high for blocks with seven.

Against Penn- State Behrend, Parker and McKain each reached double digits in kills with twelve and eleven, respectively, while freshman Alana Reeping set up a team-high seventeen assists, followed by Cooper with thirteen and senior Lauren Lalama with ten.

McDermott and Lalama each served up three aces in the loss. Senior Sara Miller recorded a team- and season-high thirty-one digs, while McDermott chipped in with six total blocks for the match.

Hinks had a team-high eleven kill in the loss to Anderson College. Cooper led the team in assists with twelve, followed by Lalama with ten and Reeping with nine.

Parker added a team-best nine digs and a pair of block assists for her night.

The Ladies won against Lake Erie earlier this week, and took on Waynesburg College at home last night.

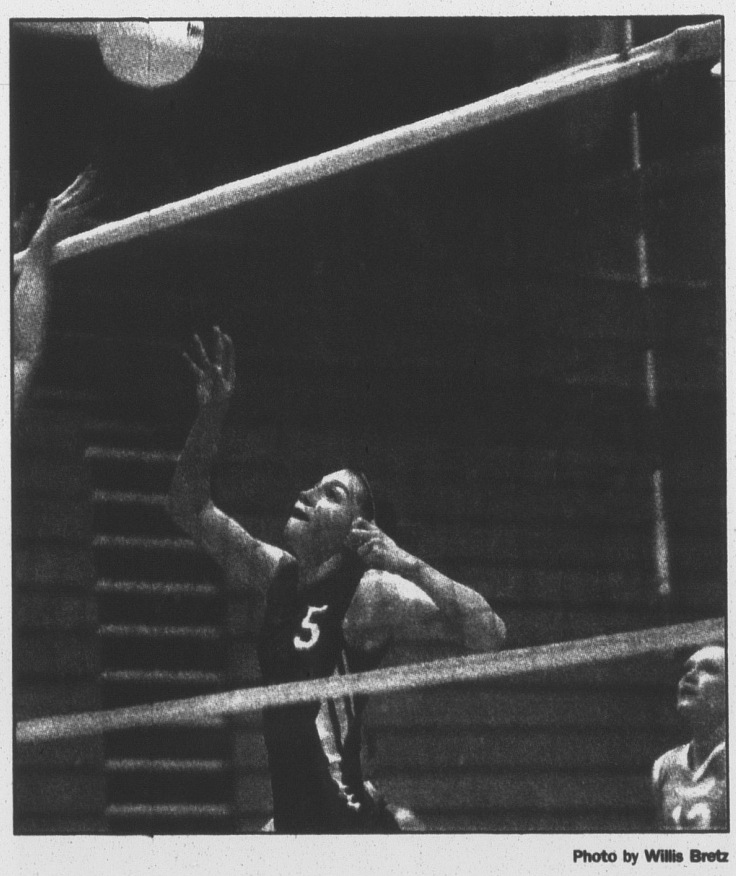
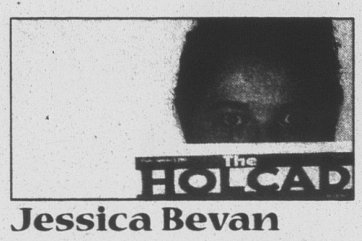


Photo by Willis Bretz

Freshman Hannah Parker sends the ball over the net on Tuesday as the Titans took on Lake Erie.

Arts & Entertainment

My love-hate relationship with the Real World



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Now that the dust around Britney and Macaulay has settled some, I think I can regain my focus, although now there are rumors that Brit is pregnant.

Anyway, before getting sidetracked last week, I had intended on discussing the new season of the Real World. So here goes, well, something.

Call me a bitter cynic, but I don't think there's a single real thing about the Real World.

And with each passing season, it gets worse.

Gripe #1: The house.

The current house is a renovated bank. What normal, everyday, 'real' schmuck of a person lives in a renovated bank? Or a firehouse, or a mansion in Paris, or a huge townhouse in New York City? Okay, technically, I currently live in a renovated Masonic temple, but I have the rent due date and bills to prove it. These jokers definitely don't, and that has been a gripe of mine since day one. In the real world, we pay bills. Lots of them.

Additionally, my furniture didn't come straight out of the "Summer 2004" Ikea catalogue.

(Not that there's anything wrong with Ikea... I like their stuff very much. I just can't afford to buy out the whole catalogue. And those crazy set designers certainly have a thing for the Swedish furniture.) I love my $30 K-mart desk, my Value City dresser, and my hand-me-down sweeper, that doesn't quite work the way it should.

I don't think I'm even going to breach the concept of cleaning up once in a while. Didn't anyone learn from anything their mammas? Do the dishes every now and then, for Pete's sake.

Gripe #2: The 'cast.'

And this one is two-fold. What happened to 'casting' people like they did in the earlier seasons? While they were cute in their own early '90s way, none of them, save Eric Neis who really was a model at the time, were model beautiful. You would have seen these guys walking around your hometown, sitting next to you in class, and not thought twice about it.

More recently, these people are ridiculously gorgeous. I've taken Advertising and PR. I absolutely understand that sex sells and no one really wants to "watch ugly people on TV." But this is supposed to be the real world.

In the 'real world' not everyone is a hottie. If I wanted to watch beautiful people do interesting things on TV, I'd watch The O.C. or reruns of Dawson's Creek.

Which brings me to the second part of this gripe; I would actually want to hang out with some of the people living in the O.C. or on the creek (Seth Cohen, anyone?). In all honesty, there are very few people on the Real World, particularly of late, that I could see myself spending quality time with.

Take Sarah, this season's "easy girl," for instance. I can't stand her. She does not come across as a nice person and her openness about, well, certain things, is a little off-putting.

Granted, the fine work of the editors and producers has a lot to do with this. Sarah very well may be a lovely, intelligent young lady. But I don't know that. I'm led to believe she's an unpleasant person.

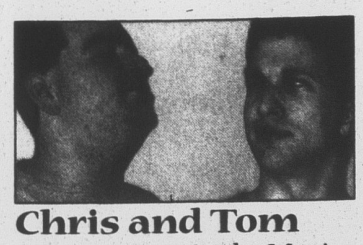
Maybe it is me, but I have a hard time finding common ground with these people. Is it my fault that I don't go to bars every night and lounge by the hot tub afterwards? Guess so. Err, scratch that. We are in New Wilmington, after all.

For fun, former cast members I would totally hang out with: Sarah and Dan from the Miami season; Jay, Sharon, and Kat from the London season; Jason and Genesis from Boston; and most of the San Francisco cast.

After all of this, why in the world do I continue to watch this crap? While it isn't real, it's entertaining. It's an interesting study of characters. It's wishful thinking.

And on a completely unrelated note, I'd like to abuse my powers and shamelessly promote Ari Hest, a singer/songwriter who is playing in the Student Center tonight. He's awesome. He's kinda like John Mayer's cool cousin. Go. Do it for me.

The Forgotten is forgettable



Chris and Tom
At the Movies

This is a movie. It has Julianne Moore in it. That's about as much as we can say. Have a nice week. C & T

Seriously though there really isn't much we can tell you about The Forgotten plot-wise. Like most movies in the suspense/horror genre, knowing too much about the plot to The Forgotten will obviously ruin the experience. The movie follows Telly Paretta (Julianne Moore), a woman grieving over the death of her son Sam some fourteen months ago in a plane crash. In therapy with Dr. Jack Munce (Gary Sinise), Paretta tries to cope but when her husband apparently tries to accelerate the healing by removing her son's images from their house. Suddenly, Paretta is thrust into world of disbelief when her mind and even her child's existence is called into question. On the run trying to prove her sanity, Paretta joins up with another slowly remembering parent Ash Correll (Dominic West) in hopes of finding the truth about their forgotten children.

What follows is a story that is incredibly startling at points. There are moments in the movie that hit you so hard that it would be impossible not to jump. Other portions of the movie are somewhat suspenseful, driven by a score that does its job well enough. Still other times the movie seems slightly boring, especially during the climax of the film, by far its weakest point.

We suppose though this flip-flop in success with story is really the whole discussion surrounding The Forgotten. When it comes to characters, some are witty and smart and easy to identify with, most notably the way-too-short performance by Alfre Woodard as Det. Anne Pope. For every character like Pope though we get a flat out pointless character like Sinise's Dr. Munce.

The acting is also unpredictable with highs and lows all over the place. First of all, the great Julianne Moore pulls in a performance which clearly isn't her best. However, with what she has to work with, she is very convincing. This clearly can't touch her astounding work in Far from Heaven, but who really cares. (If you haven't seen Far from Heaven, you must, enough said) Dominic West and, one of the most underused actresses today, Alfred Woodard are also very strong. However, Gary Sinise and the other supporting actors really don't seem to help the film at all.

Direction, too, also features its highs and lows. This could very well be due to a bit of rust on Joseph Ruben's part, however, since he hasn't directed a film since 1998. Then again his most famous works are the Macaulay Culkin thriller The Good Son and the Julia Roberts suspenseful Sleeping with the Enemy. So it also could be due to a lack of experience. For every interesting and exciting shot (take Correll's fall from a building) there is a boring chase scene that follows.

Special effects also jumped aboard the ho-hum train. Without revealing anything, we can say that one particular effect that is central to the plot is frighteningly real and provides for many of the jumps in the audience. Then the climax features some image-altering effects that are silly when they should be scary. It's moments like those that make movie buffs despise CGI and yearn for the days when a make-up artist could do the trick beautifully.

For the most part this movie is two-thirds good. The first two-thirds to be exact. All of the best features are seen during the beginning. What is set up so well at the start falls almost completely apart by the end of the movie. There is enough to be desired about this movie that seeing it will certainly not be a waste of your time. It's not worth breaking your neck trying to make it to the theater however. If there is nothing else and you're looking for an at least mildly entertaining movie, The Forgotten should work for you. But with a strong Oscar season and some pretty impressive looking animation films coming out (we know those are what you're really dying to see!) don't expect The Forgotten to be in theaters too much longer. Mind you if you've seen the trailer at all you have likely figured out the secret we've been trying to avoid anyway so if that's a problem avoid the movie. (God kill the idiots that changed them from teasers to short films!) All in all this is a slightly above average movie ranges from a C+ from Chris to a B- from Tom. With Shark Tale, Ladder 49, and I ? Huckabees (albeit limited release) all coming out next week, this may be the week to miss a trip to Westgate.

Classic American films series adds depth to new minor

By Chris Medjesky
Film Reviewer

Film studies open with a new minor and some American classics

Scheduling last semester, you may have noticed that new a new minor is found somewhere between the E's and the G's. FS- is the registrar's way of saying that there is a new sort of minor on campus: Film Studies. The new minor allows students to expand their knowledge of film taking them from a passive viewer to an observant student.

While the International Film Series provides a medium to study the films of other countries, those in charge of the new minor feel that students needed the opportunity to learn more about the movies that form America's early film history.

That's why Dr. Jeffery Bersett created the Classics Film Series. The Classics Film Series opened September 18th with Frank Capra's It Happened One Night. The first movie took home the "Big Five" at the Oscars (Picture, Director, Actor, Actress, & Screenplay); however, was watched by a relatively small crowd-and unfortunately interrupted by a fire alarm.

But even with the interruption, the ensuing event was not a failure, as several students were heard commenting about how they would return every week if they knew the series was running.

The reason for starting this film series appear to be both for entertainment as well as necessity. While the series was started with the Film Studies minor in mind, Dr. Bersett commented that the Classics Film Series was originated "to give students and the community the opportunity to see films that everyone should see at some point or another."

When asked how the movies were chosen, Dr. Bersett said "We're trying to make our choices of titles based on our film studies curriculum. We have these screenings so that movies that we don't get a chance to teach in our classes get another opportunity to be seen and discussed."

The hope is also to generate a desire through these movies for students to participate and sign up for the new minor.

While the Classics Film Series may be limited to just four showings this semester, it was certainly become a more regular event in the Spring. Along with the International Film Series, the campus now has access to many more film opportunities than ever before.

There is also early discussion of a third film series to open up next semester to run on the opposite weeks of the international films. This series would be focusing on relating the film studies minor to other majors on campus by showing a particular movie that related to that field of study. The hope there is to have students realize that a lot can be learned about other studies through film and a Film Studies minor could provide a special advantage to them in the future.

This semester at least three more opportunities will be held: coming up on October 10th is the Charlie Chaplin spoof on Nazi Germany in The Great Dictator, which will be followed on November 6th by John Ford's character study western in The Searchers starring John Wayne, and then the Cary Grant Christmas classic The Bishop's Wife on December 4th. All films start at 2:00 PM and can be seen at the MCC Mueller Theater.

Any questions about upcoming films in any of these film series will be readily answered by the Film Studies coordinators Dr. Bersett or Dr. Mitchell.

Also, if you desire a student reaction to the film series or the Film Studies minor itself, questions can be directed to two current Film Studies students, Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky, via email or during the film screenings.

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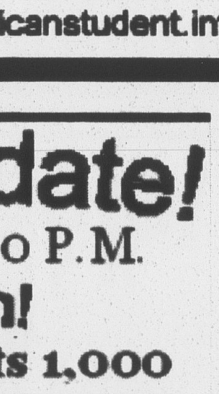

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Fourth Annual Music and Meatballs (Concert Choir's full-course spaghetti dinner; reserved seating for four seatings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30) — New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Career Center's Education Senior Seminar — MCC Witherspoon Maple

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Voter Registration Drive — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Meet the Greeks Intramural Competition: Release — Quad

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8:00 PM CPC Presents: Ari Hest, musician — MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: The Ten Tenors — Orr Auditorium

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

October 2, 2004

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Model UN Scrimmage (Political Science) — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Harvest Day Celebration — Villa Maria Farm, Villa Maria, PA

12:00 PM FALL FEST Dodgeball Tournament — Old 77

7:00 PM FALL FEST Concert — Anderson Amphitheater

7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

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3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

3:00 PM Student Recital: Heidi Abel, viola — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

October 4, 2004

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Kansas City at Baltimore — MCC Club

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

October 5, 2004

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: The Third Man, England, 1949 — MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

October 6, 2004

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Green Party Voter Information — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

6:00 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228

7:00 PM "Express Yourself" Poetry Bash — MCC Club/Lounge

7:00 PM Henderson Lecture: Dr. Edward Cohen, "Grasping for Control: Law and Power in the Age of Globalization"Reception to follow in Old Main Tower Room — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club Room/Lounge

October 7, 2004

11:15 AM Eine Kleine Lunch-Musik Concert Series: Westminster Horn Ensemble — MCC Atrium

12:30 PM LEAD Luncheon: Speaker, Kathleen Kyle, former RD at Westminster, "How to Run an Effective Meeting" — MCC Club

4:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

5:00 PM Seekers Executive Council Meeting — MCC 352

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116

6:00 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231

7:00 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255

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Last weeks's answers

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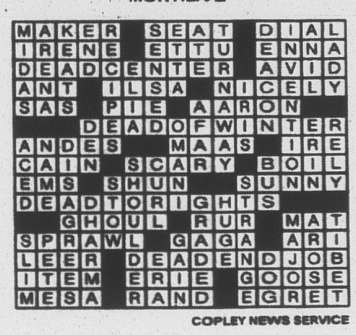

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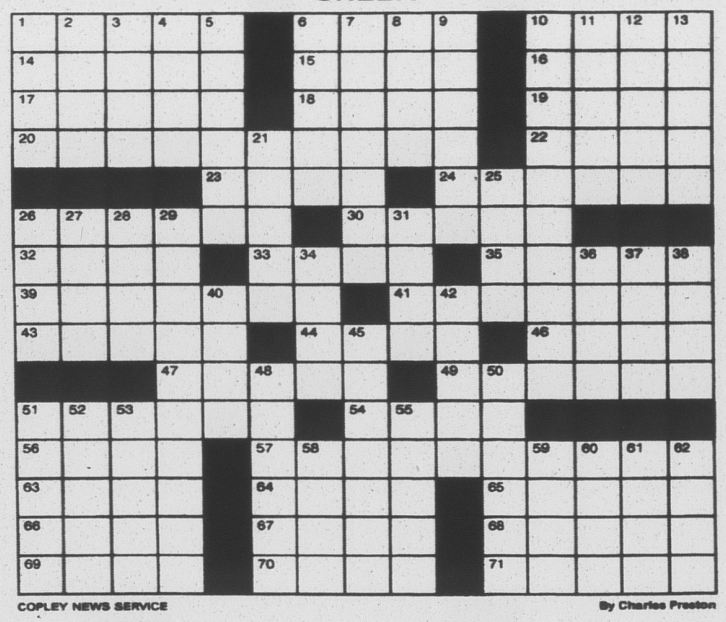

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Make compromise your key word this week. Take steps to meet a partner or friend half way and settle an ongoing disagreement or misunderstanding.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Discipline is a valuable asset. Avoid scattering or wasting your physical resources or buying more than you can afford on your current budget.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Friends are eager to expose you to a new social situation. Stay alert and learn the rules or regulations that will affect the success of your interactions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): A solid domestic or emotional foundation is important to your well-being. Take time to build strong and trusting relationships with family members.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A lot of important or pertinent information is within your reach. Pay close attention to what is available and take clear and concise notes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Money promised to you may not come through in time to fulfill a need. Avoid any additional expenditures until you see improvement in your cash flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You will find yourself at the center of attention this week. Get your ego out of the way and accept input or ideas from those around you.

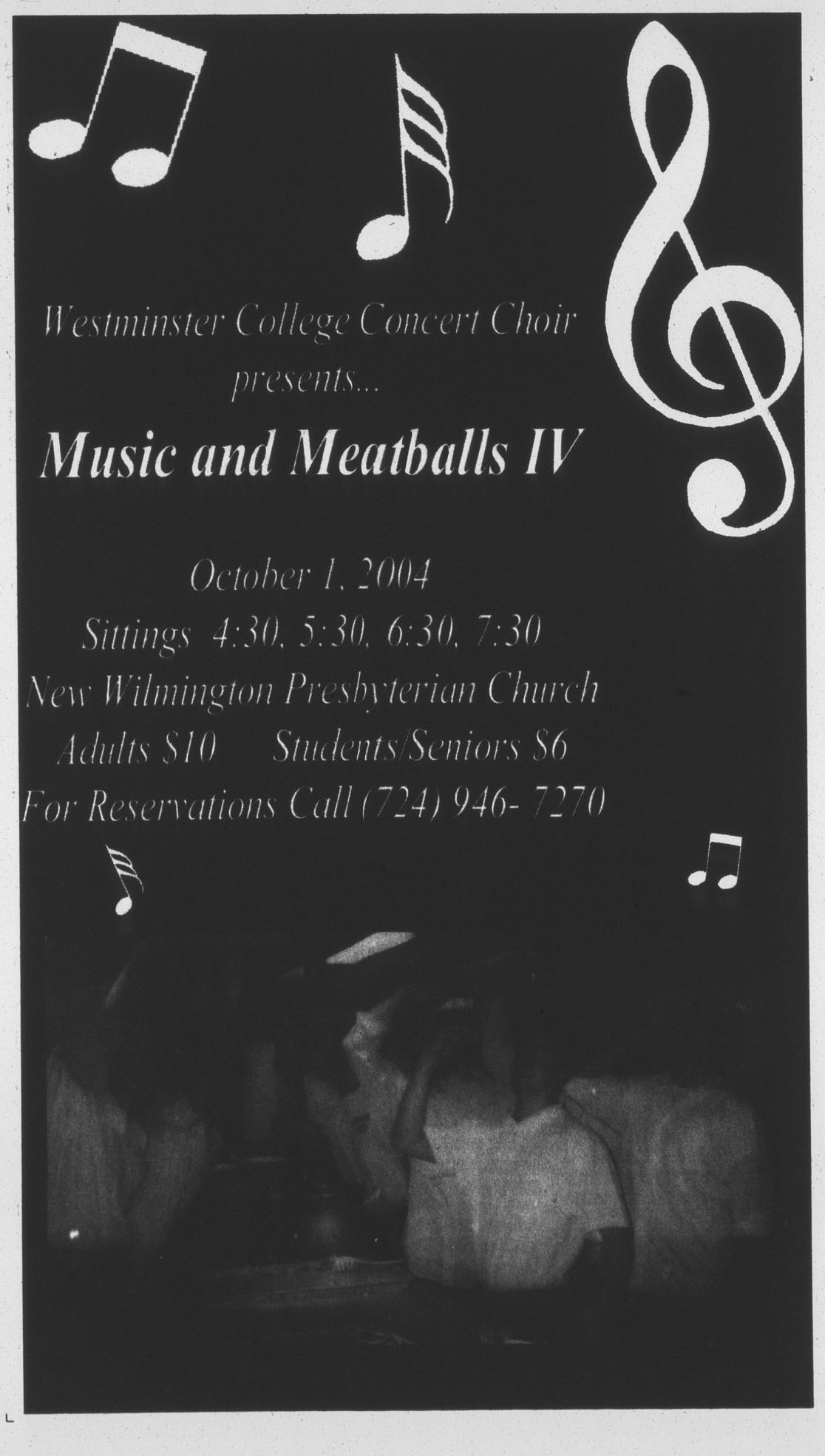
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Details or secrets from the past are revealed now. Forgiveness is key. Own up to your mistakes and learn as much as you can from them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The emphasis is on teamwork or completing a major assignment. Do not attempt to go it alone. Work with others and pull it together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take time to ascertain the direction your career is headed. Having clarity of mind and purpose will make your goals a lot easier to achieve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Seek input from a mentor or teacher to understand a philosophical or political platform. Do not be surprised if their ideas are opposite of yours

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Study and evaluate a business or investment proposal and figure out if it is right for you. If you do not comprehend or agree, it's OK to walk away.



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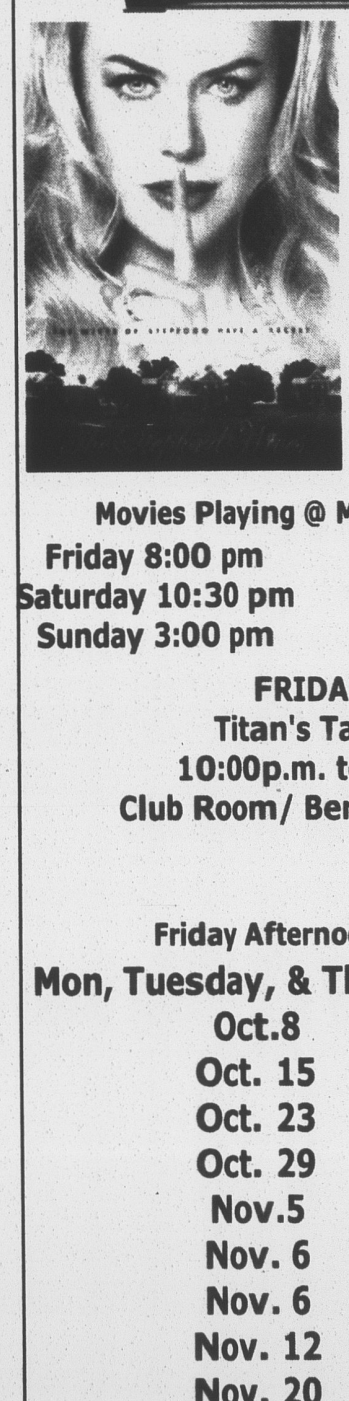

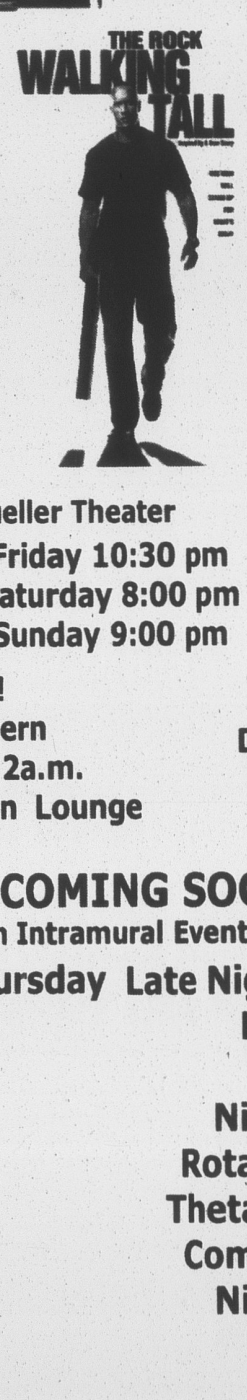

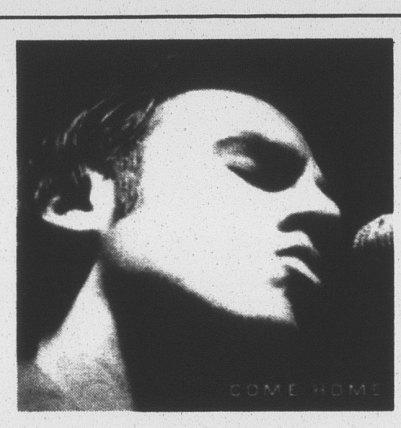

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8:00 p.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm
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Sunday 9:00 pm

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 9:00p.m. Club Room

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10:00p.m. to 2a.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Enjoy SGA Fall Fest
Dodgeball During the day
Concerts at night
Amphitheater

COMING SOON...
Friday Afternoon Intramural Events hosted by the Greeks
Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Oct.8	Evening of Jazz
Oct. 15	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 23	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 29	Rotaract Dance-a-thon
Nov.5	Theta Chi Suitcase Party
Nov. 6	Comic- Megan Mooney
Nov. 6	Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 12	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 20	College Bowl
Nov. 20	Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 3	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 4	Circle K's sponsors Snowball Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling

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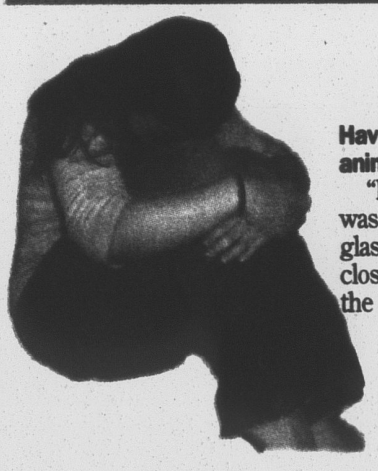
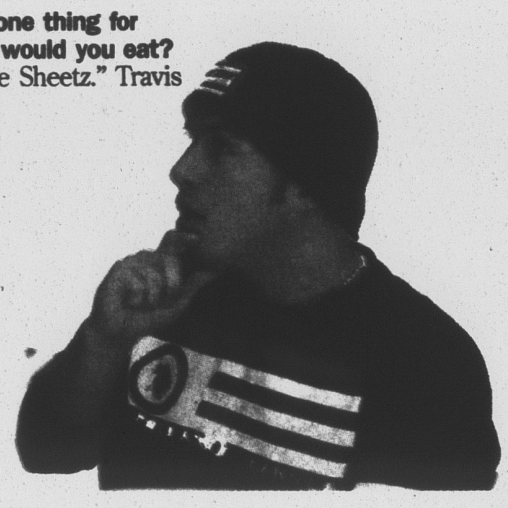
Question of the Week



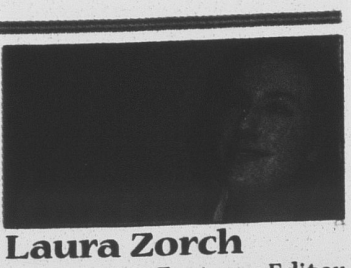
Have you ever been attacked by an animal?
"I've been attacked by my cat. I was 5 and slammed it in my sliding glass door. So she cornered me into a closet and threw her body up against the door." Nicky Kress

If you could only eat one thing for the whole year, what would you eat?
"Sheetz MTO. I love Sheetz." Travis Bieda



Have you ever been attacked by an animal?
"I was attacked by a flock of ducks. They pecked at my legs; they were hungry ducks." Cortney Fry

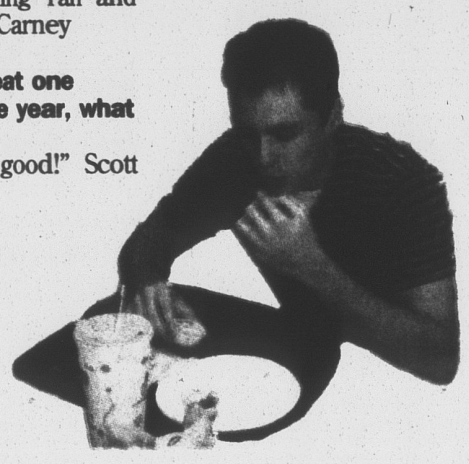
"My rabbit, 'Bunners', had a sneak attack. I was laying out in my yard and she bit me on the shoulder." Leann Deem

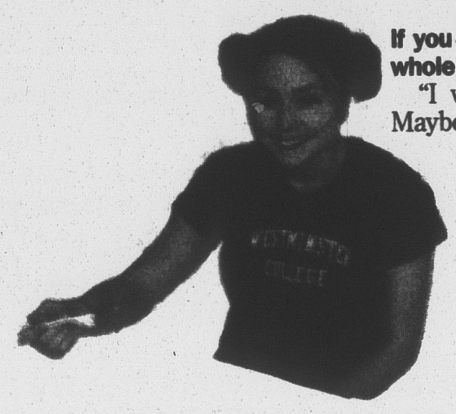


Laura Zorch
Features Editor

Have you ever been attacked by an animal?
"A guy I knew had a goat, and the stupid thing ran and butt at me." Scott Carney

If you could only eat one thing for the whole year, what would you eat?
"Pizza. It's so good!" Scott Carny

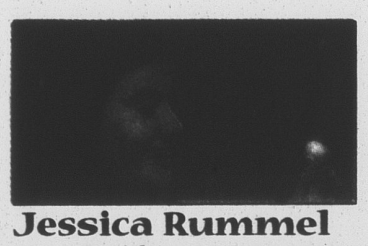




If you could only eat one thing for the whole year, what would you eat?
"I would eat Macaroni and Cheese. Maybe Easy Mac." Holly Leach

If you could only eat one thing for the whole year, what would you eat?
"Steak! I love grilled steak, and my dad would have to make it. He makes the best steak ever." April Mohn

Political Pong: Organizations we hate



Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Sadly, this past week in politics has produced nothing but garbage. In trying to find an interesting idea for an article, Russ and I were only greeted by the millions of political analysts wanting to weigh in on Dan Rather's IQ. So, we thought we'd take a break from current events to bring you a special edition of Political Pong in which we discuss our most despised political organizations. These are groups who are not officially affiliated with any political organization or candidate, but they do tend to promote the ideals of one of the parties. Many have made headlines with their various issue ads, and by doing so have ticked me off.

Let's start with a fairly new organization, MoveOn.org. This unique Internet-based political organization got its start in 1998 in opposition to President Clinton's impeachment. The group has since evolved into a very pro-Democrat (and especially anti-Bush) establishment. They have organized various petitions and protests against the war in Iraq and have developed ads and strategies to kick Bush out of office. I will give this organization credit for gaining success in an unconventional way, but that's as far as I'll go with compliments.

The group is funded by Hungarian billionaire George Soros. What a minute, aren't the Republicans supposed to have all the rich people? Hmm, it's funny how hypocritical the Democratic Party can be. Soros has promised to raise $75 million to defeat Bush in November. Maybe now I see why we need campaign finance reform. They also recently produced a "non-partisan" documentary on the Fox News Channel called "Out-Foxed". This documentary, with several exaggerations, some misleading editing, and cheesy powerpoint graphics, depicted the FNC as a fascist government media outlet. To top it off, they feature an advertisement on their website which reads, "The communists had PRAUDA. Republicans have FOX." Yes, and now Democrats have MoveOn.org: hypocrisy at its finest.

Next up, the ACLU, or American Civil Liberties Union. This group, composed of lawyers and jackasses, was created in 1920 to "protect" the civil rights of all people. They were also created to complicate, exaggerate, and exploit all legislation. Now don't get me wrong, I'm obviously all for protecting our bill of rights, especially free speech, or I wouldn't be able to write this article. What bothers me about this group, however, is that they claim to be nonpartisan. Oh really? And what Democratic candidate hasn't jumped into the lap of the ACLU since their premiere on the political stage? I also can't seem to fathom why an organization who claims to be the watchdog for civil rights would choose to protect the rights of a criminal over the rights of an unborn child. That doesn't make any sense.

The last organization in the triumvirate of evil is the People for the American Way. I have personally visited the DC offices of this organization due to a friend's internship there, and what I saw was disgusting. Their pamphlets were filled with loaded words and liberal propaganda, which yes, I should expect from a liberal lobbying group. However, for as one sided as these informational packets were, they might as well have dressed Bush in a Hitler uniform and put a halo over Kerry's head. If you're going to claim that you bring truth to the issues, at least do it with some class.

Although I personally do not like any of these groups or their causes, I would not want to see them go. Their existence proves that our democracy works, that we can have discontent with the government without anarchy. Besides, my party needs someone to prove wrong on a weekly basis.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Since the only political story in the news this past week has been the CBS news scandal (and we are both sick of hearing about it), we decided to go off track a little and list our least favorite political organizations and corporations in the country.

I will list the groups that really get under my skin in order of increasing dislike.

4. Swift Boat Veterans for Truth: This is the group that has recently put out the so-called swift boat ads against John Kerry.

The group is made up of Bush supporting Vietnam veterans who will do and say anything to get their man reelected, even tarnish the image of one of America's greatest soldiers.

3. The Christian Coalition: Now as a disclaimer, I have no problem with religion or people who believe we should have more moral leaders. The reason the Christian Coalition makes my list is because they are one of the most extreme groups in America.

One of their leaders, Pat Robertson was quoted as saying, "God is voting for George W. Bush." Well Pat, I really didn't think God had the time to vote.

Anyway, the group constantly holds anti-homosexual rallies (including at the funeral of Matthew Shepard) and also hold rallies outside abortion clinics, which sounds real Christian to me.

2. Halliburton: Well, I'm sure you have all heard about Halliburton.

Halliburton is the company that Vice-President Dick Cheney was CEO of before he became Vice-President. Halliburton was given government contracts to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan without any competition from other companies.

The President has awarded these contracts to Halliburton knowing that Cheney is still a stockholder and still receives a profit from all military operations that Halliburton participates in.

So going to war in Iraq actually benefited someone, no not the Iraqi people, but Halliburton and its stockholders including our heart attack prone Vice-President.

1. National Rifle Association (NRA): Well, to make number one on my list you have to be pretty bad, and boy the NRA is that.

The NRA is the most powerful lobbying group the country. They believe that the second amendment is a right that covers all use of any kind of assault weapons. If those who only supported the NRA had such an interpretist view of the constitution they might support more liberal views of lets say freedom of speech or maybe even the dreaded 14th amendment.

But lets face it, most people who support the NRA are redneck hicks who believe that the government is going to come knocking on their door and they have to defend themselves (reference The Weaver family in Ruby Ridge).

President Bush last week did not sign the renewal of the Assault Weapons agreement, which outlaws the sale of oozies and Ak-47 handguns.

I'm sure the NRA had something to do with the lack of a signature seeing how they are Bush's top fundraising group.

Boy George, you say you are tough on homeland security, well here is a news flash, there are more terrorists in the country than outside (remember Timothy McVeigh?).

I don't care what arguments people make, putting more guns on the street makes our homeland security weaker, because there are more tools with which people can use to kill people.

The second amendment needs to be abolished and the sooner the better.

Talking oven mitt dukes it out with chihuahua

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

As I lay around my room watching TV, I can not decide which I like better, a talking Oven Mitt or a small talking Chihuahua. I also remain undecided as to whether I prefer "Oven Fresh," or do I prefer to "think outside the bun?"

I felt that the only way I would be able to decide which fast food joint would capture my heart and my business was by eating at both places.

Before I can tell you which restaurant won my overall approval I feel that I should first lay the foundation for which I evaluated these two fast food restaurants. There are three important key factors that can make or break a fast food restaurant for a college kid.

First, location, location, location. It is obviously important that a fast food restaurant be located in a convenient and nearby vicinity. Aside from the fact that most students just need to get their fix of fatty greasy foods, it is important that they be able to fulfill that urge as soon as possible. In short, the closer the fattening establishment the more likely students are to make frequent trips.

Second, how far can the almighty dollar stretch at one of these enterprises? Obviously since most students are on a very tight and limited budget it is very important to choose fast food outings wisely. In most cases the place with the cheapest and largest dollar menu wins the hearts, bellies, and dollars of local college students.

Third, how delightfully delicious the delectable items on the menu taste. Just because most college students are cheap does not mean that they are also willing to sacrifice something as important as the mouth-watering taste of the food they are ordering. This is especially true today thanks to the numerous dollar menus found at almost every fast food restaurant throughout the nation.

Now that I have told you the three factors that help to form and drive the appetites of college students I think you will be interested to see how Arby's and Taco Bell held up to these standards.

However, before I move on to the details I just want to make it clear that I ate at both of these restaurants on separate days so as to capture the full effect of the fattening cuisine.

The first restaurant I paid a visit to was Taco Bell. I have to admit that I actually do like Taco Bell when I'm in the mood for it. The closest Taco Bell to Westminster is down towards New Castle, which really is only a five to ten minute drive. This means that Taco Bell meets the first qualifying factor of location.

The nice thing about Taco Bell is that they have a new dollar menu, which has a variety of items from double taco's to nacho's and cheese.

Even better than the dollar menu is the fact that taco's don't cost a dollar! That's right: you can have as many tacos as your heart desires for only 79 cents a piece! This means that Taco Bell has met the second qualifying factor of offering a dollar menu, but they offer other items cheaper than a dollar. Honestly what more could a broke college student ask for?

The last test that Taco Bell has to meet in order to grab the hearts and bellies of college students is taste. I have to admit that Taco Bell does have some tasty items available on their menu such as burrito's, tacos, and quesadillas.

So far Taco Bell has met all three standards, but does Arby's meet those same standards?

Arby's definitely beats Taco Bell on location because they are right down the road from the college.

However, Arby's does not offer a dollar menu. In fact, most of the items on Arby's menu are expensive (at least in the eyes and pockets of college students).

The good news is that Arby's usually has some type of special going on whether it is four roast beef sandwiches for five dollars or two market fresh sandwiches for four dollars. These specials help to offset the lack of a dollar menu. So in my eyes Arby's semi-qualifies in the category of cost.

The final test left is taste. I am not going to lie; Arby's has some of the best tasting sandwiches and side orders compared to other fast food restaurants. Arby's definitely takes the cake when it comes to taste.

It is clear that both restaurants offer the three conveniences that college student's desire. This made it that much harder for me to decide which restaurant reigns supreme. I suppose what it boils down to for me is taste. I would have to declare Arby's the winner in this race simply because of their amazing cheddar cheese cups.

Some of you are probably wondering how many Twinkies I rate Taco Bell. Well the answer is: I give Taco Bell 2 ½ Twinkies and Arby's 2 ¾ Twinkies. If you disagree with me then you have never had a cup of cheddar cheese from Arby's.

Until next week keep on grubbin.'

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Campus reacts to debates

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

The presidential debates kicked off at the University of Miami on Thursday, Sept. 30. President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry were both asked critical questions about our nation's future during the 90-minute event.

The debate was the first of the three scheduled to take place before the election. The moderator, Jim Lehrer from PBS, questioned the presidential nominees about pressing foreign issues, focusing on the war in Iraq.

While the event was made to make the voters feel more confident about selecting a president, many students felt that both of the candidates did not present any new information.

"The debates were informative to a point. However, I think that both candidates somewhat skirted the issues," junior Michael Klass said.

However, some students believe that one of the presidential nominees ended up better than the other one. Students in favor of Bush saw Kerry as indecisive and impersonal.

"It was a toss-up. Neither candidate really helped their cause all that much, but I'm still waiting for Kerry to tell us what exactly he plans to do because he keeps changing his mind," junior Aaron Bruck said.

On the other hand, the students who believed Kerry was the superior thought Bush was flustered during the debates. Also, it seemed like the president was repeating himself.

"The comedy shows probably had a lot of material after the debate, thanks to Bush," junior Tory Duerr said.

The final two presidential debates will be held tonight on Friday, October 8 and on Wednesday, October 13.

photo by Willis Bretz

Beeghly Theatre undergoes major construction to make way for improved seating. The final touches will be ready by the Nov. performace of "Kiss Me Kate."

Extreme Beeghly makeover

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

Makeovers are all the rage lately on reality television shows. "The Swan" turns average women into beauty queens through plastic surgery. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" teaches fashion-challenged straight men to be fashion-conscious. Over the past few years, Westminster has had its own "Extreme Makeover" from the addition of McKelvey Campus Center to the installation of air-conditioning in Orr Auditorium. This semester, the changes continue into Beeghly Theatre.

People venturing to the theatre for the next musical production of "Kiss Me Kate" will enjoy a classier atmosphere than previous shows, thanks to a $40,000 makeover. That money will be used for new seating.

The seats are not just a visual improvement. "The new seats are built a little bit differently. They're a little wider and they're a little bit more comfortable," said Communications Department Chair Dr. David Barner. "I think the look of the seats will make the theatre look very nice."

The department has been working on updating Beeghly Theatre for the past few years. The first steps were carpeting and wallpapering.

"These improvements helped give the theatre a more professional and modern look. However, they also made the old seats look much worse. We already knew that they needed to be replaced, but the other improvements really pointed out the problem," said Assistant Professor of Theatre Scott Mackenzie.

Barner said the new seats should be in place by the end of next week – with plenty of time to spare before the mid-November opening of "Kiss Me Kate".

Mackenzie said although there are now 30 fewer seats, he hopes the audience will have a better experience. "No one will be shifting around every three minutes trying to find a place where a spring is not poking their backside. They will be able to focus on the show itself."

"It is very important for the audience to be comfortable. If they are uncomfortable, then they tend to lose their focus on the show and become fidgety. That can cause the actors to lose focus and energy," agrees Rachael Mellor, senior theatre major and president of the theatre honor society, Alpha Psi Omega.

The money for all the improvements at Beeghly Theatre comes from a foundation and escrow endowment grant established by the Beeghly family when the facility was built. Barner said the interest off this money is "used to do what we need to do in the theatre."

"We're grateful that the Beeghly family thought enough of the school and left this grant, because it's nice to know that – when things are tough – you have this money waiting."

photo by Johnny Johnston

Senior Sam Seo recites his own poetry at the Jazz Poetry Bash on Wednesday night in the Berlin Student Lounge.

Poetry bash highlights student expression

By Jarrod Takah
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the lights dimmed and the mood lifted in the Berlin Student Lounge at the second Jazz Poetry Bash.

Flautist Galen, the "Master Musician," played both the flute and the piccolo. Pianist Alton Merrill, bassist Paul Thompson, and drummer Tom Went accompanied Galen.

Galen played several songs. Most notably, he played two of his own songs, "Moanin'" and "Povo," along with several canonical jazz favorites, such as John Coltrane's "Lazy Bird."

The Jazz Poetry Bash was sponsored by the Diversity Studies Department.

"[Galen] brings another dimension of musical diversity to campus," Rev. Dr. Jeannette Hooks said. "[His music] increases our awareness of what's out there and takes us to another level of appreciation and engagement of music."

"Galen's very good," senior Michelle Curry said. "He's talented and brings something to campus that a classroom can't."

In between jam sessions, Galen offered students the opportunity to recite poetry while the band accompanied the poets.

Elaine Blevins, Sam Seo, Sandy Edmiston, Vera Dorosh and Richard Johnson were among those students who recited in front of a crowd of about 50 attendees throughout the night.

The Jazz Poetry Bash afforded students the opportunity to express themselves in a creative environment.

"I think most students haven't thought of music and poetry together," Blevins said. "I think some students think of poetry as stuffy and old. The music allows students to become more connected to the poetry and the present."

College to crack down on plagarism

By Melanie McGrew
Campus Writer

The college is taking more precautions to make sure cheating does not occur by implementing a new plagiarizing system.

The school is now using turnitin.com to check papers for authenticity. With technology improving as fast as it does, the internet makes plagiarism increasingly easier for students.

That is why the school is taking a huge leap by enforcing the new regulations and rules against plagiarism.

Turnitin.com checks papers against three different databases including internet access, millions of published works, and millions of students papers that have already been included in the site.

"This is a huge policy change for the campus with a lot of pros and cons," Dr. Patrick Krantz of the education department said.

This system should help professors grade papers a lot faster. If a professor thinks a student did not do his own work, they cannot accuse a student without proof.

This system makes it more accessible for them.

One con would be the punishment for plagiarism is much greater than ever before. A second offense could equal expulsion from the school.

Some students like sophomore Cassie Pantages think it's a smart idea.

"I think this new system will help prevent students from plagiarizing and that is definitely a good thing," said Pantages.

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Rant & Rave

Make the TUB bring back my Sobe NoFear!

I will vote!

Buy a suitcase party ticket! (And take me as your guest.)

Have you seen my stapler?

I "heart" Michael Moore!

How about a Koran reading of the week, too? Yeah, interfaith awareness.

Stop lecturing and teach!

Fahrenheit 9/11 kicks butt!

I'm tired. Four hours of sleep just isn't enough.

What happened with that Men of Westminster calendar?

Fortune cookies are liars.

What happened to the pizza in the TUB? I miss the mushroom/sausage special.

Just because you don't care about politics, that doesn't mean politics doesn't care about you.

I need a vacation. Can I just stop being me for awhile?

When in doubt, have a date auction.

Curse you, Novell!

Why don't we have wireless internet in all of the academic buildings? Or at least McKelvey.

That poetry slam was pretty neat.

My Pokemon brings all the nerds to the yard. They're like, you wanna trade cards?

Death to Capstone.

Get yourself some Alkaseltzer. You'll feel better fast.

Why wasn't there an Our View last week?

I'm going to need to take out a second loan to make up for not getting a meal plan. Lunch in the TUB twice a week should not be putting me in debt.

I will paint the rock and/or go chalking before I graduate.

I'm okay with being unimpressive. I sleep better.

Homecoming is next week. Time for me to hide from the crazy alumni.

I'll stop the world and melt with you.

Why are college kids obsessed with cookies?

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Our View: Unpack your suitcase

College is supposed to prepare you for the real world. If people think they are going to go home every weekend in the real world, they have another thing coming.

We are going to start out this week with a little quiz. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability:

1. Do you go home to watch your high school's football games but refuse to go to a Westminster football game?

2. Do you find that when you go home, you are hanging out with your younger siblings and their friends because your friends are at, get this, college?

3. Do you find that your parents are complaining that they are paying for you to be home all the time?

If you answer yes to these questions, you need to reevaluate your social life and seriously think about moving to a commuter college because Westminster is not for you.

This past weekend, SGA held its annual Fall Fest that included a dodge ball tournament and a free concert, CPC presented Ari Hest in the student center and the Club Room presented the movies The Stepford Wives and Walking Tall. However, very few students took advantage of these free opportunities because they went home.

Here is a news flash for those of you who feel the need to go home every weekend: this is not YSU. Westminster is a residential campus, not a commuter campus.

The problem is that the people who go home are the same people who complain that there is nothing to do on the weekends. SGA, CPC, and even the fraternity houses provide weekend entertainment for the college.

This weekend alone, there were folk, rap, rock and punk musical acts on campus. If this is not variety enough, then the problem obviously lies elsewhere.

If the argument of enough entertainment does not move you, then maybe this stat will. SGA spent $11,000 on Fall Fest that a total of 100 students attended. In case you are wondering, that $11,000 is money that all students pay ($11,000/1400 students is roughly $8 per student).

Next time you complain that you pay $30,000 to attend Westminster, remember that you might not be taking advantage of what you are paying.

The other issue with not showing up for events is that it makes the campus look bad to people from outside our campus. Three of the four bands for Fall Fest were sent home without playing because no one attended. Ari Hest had roughly 30 people to see his show.

Also lost in the fray is all the effort that students put into these events that no one attends. Students begin planning these events up to a year in advance in the hopes that Westminster students will attend, only to see their hard work go to waste.

People need to realize that high school is over, and it is time to move on. College is supposed to prepare you for the real world. If people think that they are going to go home every weekend in the real world they have another thing coming.

There are solutions to this problem on both sides of the fence. Students of Westminster, we urge you to give things such as SGA events, CPC events and fraternity parties a serious try. Before you know it, you will be a senior looking back and regretting not taking advantage of your four years at this special place.

A solution for the administration that would have dual advantages would be to prohibit freshmen students from bringing a car to school. While this may sound harsh, this would force freshmen to be exposed to these events on campus. If this were implemented, a shuttle bus to hot spots such as Sheetz, Subway and Wal-Mart should be offered to accommodate their needs.

To conclude, give these things that students work so hard on and spend your money on a chance. Challenge yourself to stay an entire weekend at Westminster and you may find that you actually do not hate it. This is a special place and students need to realize that your college experience is only as good as you make it.

Letters to the Editor

Sodexho speaks out against prison food accusations

Dear Editor,

I am writing to correct the record regarding Rich Marmura's opinion column, "Prison food and campus activism" in the October 1, 2004 edition of the Holcad. It's unfortunate that Mr. Marmura didn't take time to seek accurate information about our company. His column contained blatantly false information about Sodexho.

Sodexho does not own prisons anywhere in the world, nor do we provide service to any privately-owned prisons. Sodexho USA provides no services to prisons anywhere in the United States. Our parent company, Sodexho Alliance provides support services only to government-owned and operated correctional facilities in nine countries. These services can include food service, rehabilitation, security, healthcare, maintenance, and housekeeping. Sodexho subsidiaries have been widely praised for its positive work within the corrections industry.

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Sodexho Alliance provides services in about 100 prisons worldwide. That may sound like a lot, but it represents less than 1 percent of Sodexho Alliance worldwide revenues.

Many believe the best statement an organization can make about the failings of the corrections industry is to eliminate all involvement with prisons. We disagree. Sodexho's mission is to improve the quality of daily life and is committed to remaining a positive force for change in all segments of our business, including corrections.

Our efforts in this regard were confirmed in the 2002 report issued by Jim Castelli, the independent researcher who was retained by the former president of Wheeling Jesuit University to investigate Sodexho's work within prisons. The complete text of Mr. Castelli's report can be found at: www.geocities.com/jimcast/index.html.

We welcome the opportunity to share more information with the Holcad in the future.

Sincerely,
John Reid
Regional Vice President
Sodexho USA

ACLU doesn't get credit it deserves

Dear Editor,

As a card-carrying member of the ACLU, I have to say Jess Rummel is overlooking some very important things that the ACLU has stood for - which I don't think they deserve. Most notably, they won Brown v. Board of Education, which desegregated our schools. Oh, and in case someone you know gets taken to trial, they can thank the ACLU for their court-appointed attorney (see also Gideon v. Wainwright). Then there's the freedom that allows Jess to bash the Democrats and the ACLU freely (thank the ACLU for that one, too - NY Times v. Sullivan). Ah, and let's not forget people's Miranda Rights, which ensure that people are aware of their Constitutional rights so that they don't incriminate themselves before a fair, impartial trial. Look! Those rights are actually named after the ACLU case - Miranda v. Arizona. They also have just succeeded in overturning some of the Big-Brother-esque portions of the Patriot Act, which are clear violations of the Fourth Amendment (allowing for anonymous wiretappings without a warrant or judicial oversight doesn't seem like a very legal search and/or seizure). In all of these cases and dozens more, the ACLU played major roles, either as counsel, or as a friend-to-the-court. Further, recall that the ACLU defended Rush Limbaugh, patron saint of haters of the ACLU, in regards to his recent drug problems, which kind of lessens Jess' argument that they are a completely partisan movement. Actually, as a Republican, I find it contradictory that she doesn't support the ACLU, which is pretty much in favor of stopping government intrusion into people's lives. Then again, I guess "freedom" and the Bill of Rights are pretty whacked-out "liberal" ideas. I consider it my patriotic duty to fight for the freedom of people, even if I don't agree with them (for instance, there have been ACLU cases regarding the KKK burning crosses. I don't agree with that at all, but it's a Constitutional freedom that those nutjobs are using, and I'll be damned if I won't support their rights, even if I don't support how they use those rights). The moment we start tolerating the suppression of certain kinds of speech, no matter how abhorrent that speech may be (imagine saying that black people deserved the vote in 1920s-era Alabama!) to people at the time, is the moment we start losing what makes America great - freedom.

Sincerely,
Drew Huston
Westminster alumnus

Why go Greek?

Dear Editor,

There have been many articles published in the Holcad about Greek life. Some have been attacking the Greeks and others have been in defense of Greek life.

The articles against Greek life have all been pretty much the same. They attack Greek life. The attack is that Greeks are paying for their friends, all they do is party, and all the other stereotypes that go long with being Greek.

The articles supporting Greek life have all been pretty much the same. They are either defending Greeks against stereotypes or reporting on the philanthropies that various fraternities and sororities participate in.

These anti and pro Greek articles are getting old. The argument is always the same. Something new needs to be written. To dispel Greek stereotypes, rather than be defensive, there needs to be an article written about "Why go Greek?"

What are the positive aspects of being Greek? The quick and easy answer would be, to make friends, do community service, make connections with people outside of school (in the business world), or bring life to campus. Well, people can make friends without being Greek. There are many community service organizations on campus that anyone can join and do a lot more service than they would in a Greek organization. What kind of connections do people make that they can't make in non Greek organizations? There are many other organizations that bring life to campus also, such as, athletic teams, celebrity series, and much more. So, with these reasons aside, why go Greek? Let me make it clear that I have nothing against Greek organizations. I have many good friends who are Greek. Greeks do many good things and a lot of people like being in Greek organizations. So there must be some reason people join. What are the advantages of being Greek over being independent? I know there are many people who ask themselves this question and don't have an answer. That is why stereotypes are made and people get upset. There is no reason to get upset. Stereotypes just become more powerful when they are acknowledged. Then when they are acknowledged and people get upset then they gain weight and are thought to be true. People want a clear and concise reason to go Greek. If this is addressed it will help dispel all those stereotypes. So I ask again. Why go Greek?

Sincerely,
Matt Kerns
Sophomore

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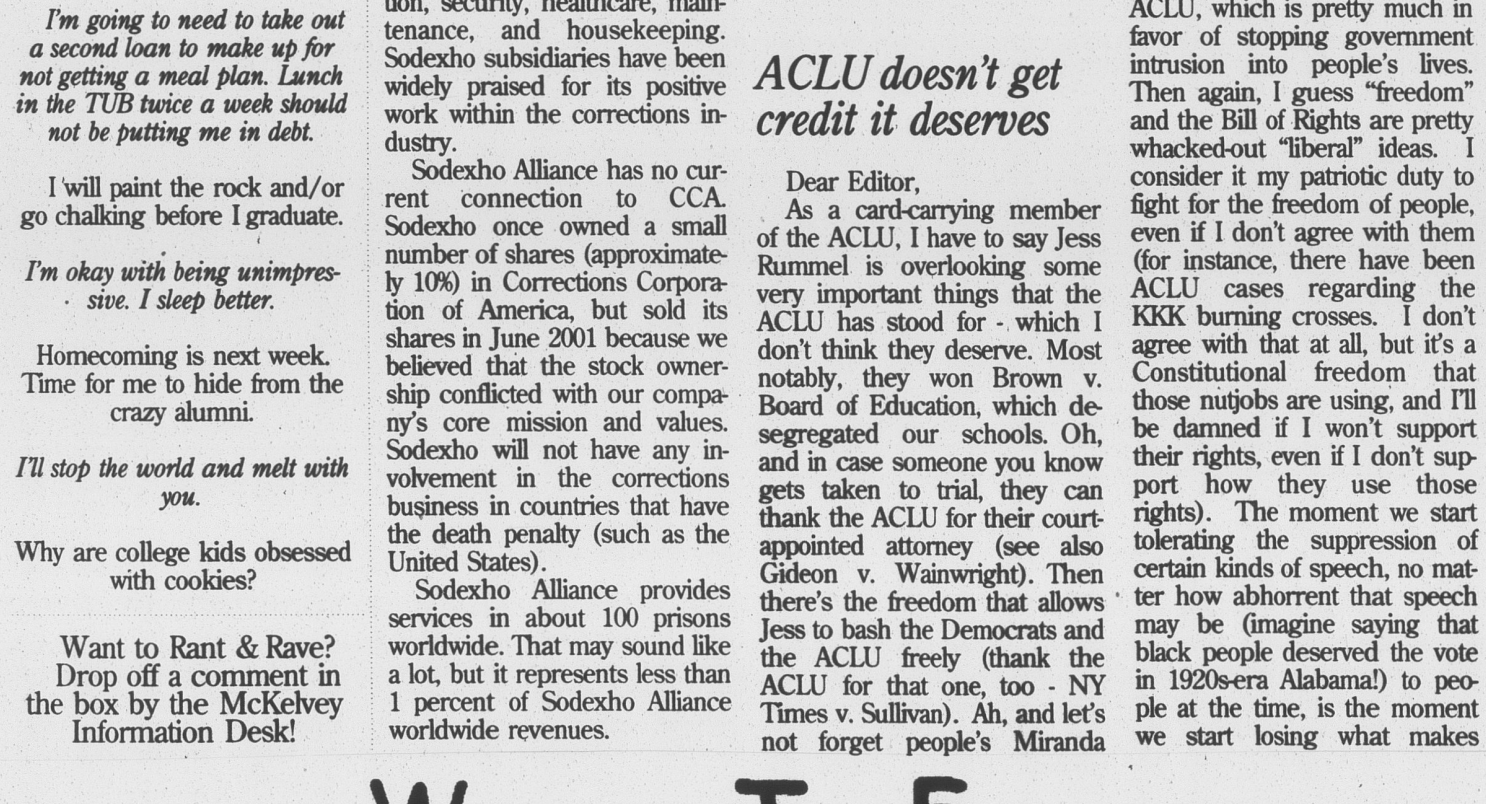

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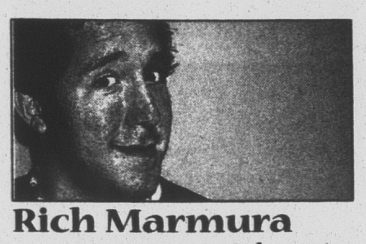

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

This past September marked the third anniversary of one of the most horrific acts of murder the world has ever seen. Every single one of us was affected in some way by the terrible of events of September 11, 2001. Everyday we see the aftermath of the events from "the war on terror" to changes in our every day vernacular. And though we have made the pledge that "We Will Not Forget," I sometimes wonder if in our fervor to "Not Forget" we have actually lost perspective on the whole event.

In the wake of 9-11, what is easily the most recognizable symbol of our nation, the American flag, became one of the most frequently visible designs in our culture.

Suddenly, people who before the tragedy couldn't tell you how many stars were on the flag, were incorporating flags into everything they did, from clothing to homes to cars. Even today, you will seldom see an American politician who appears without a little pin in the shape of the American flag.

It seems that everyone is in a race to not only prove how patriotic they are, but how much more patriotic they are than everyone else.

Then last week, I saw a company on television selling silver coins with the image of the World Trade Center on the back for $19.95 each. And if this wasn't disgusting enough (trying to make money off of the tragedy), the commercial then went on to brag "The silver used in each gleaming dollar coin is from Ground Zero!"

You see, when the Twin Towers fell, a bank vault full of .999 pure silver bars was buried under hundreds of tons of debris. After months of salvage work, many of the bars were found. Now, the same silver that was reclaimed from the destruction has been used to create the magnificent 2004 "Freedom Tower" silver dollar. On the bottom of the coin, it reads "We Will Never Forget."

In the wake of September 11, while families were grieving those who had been murdered, this company was digging though the wreckage looking for silver so they could make a profit off of the murder of thousands of innocent people! In my opinion, these people are nothing but grave-robbing, opportunistic vultures.

Please understand that this company also makes coins with Harry Potter's face on them and now they're selling part of the 9-11 wreckage for profit? Where is the respect? Where is the compassion? "We Will Never Forget?" Unfortunately, in this case it seems it should read "We Will Never Forget... to make a profit off the suffering of the nation."

However, this disgusting display brings me to a different topic, namely - what is the proper way for the public and private sector to respond to event such as 9-11? In order to gain perspective, perhaps we have to go back to December 7, 1941, "a day that will live in infamy:" Pearl Harbor. Many have made comparisons between the Pearl Harbor attacks and the 9-11 tragedy (both unexpected, both brought us into a new war, etc).

The difference is that the commercialization of Pearl Harbor did not happen until many years after the tragedy; however, it started with tours and t-shirts and eventually reached its peak in 2001 with a movie adaptation of the event. In today's society, where "if it bleeds, it leads," we see groups already capitalizing on the events of 9-11 (i.e. the aforementioned silver coins and various flag paraphernalia and many others...).

But where does it all end? How long will it be until someone tries to make a movie about September 11th?

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Will the events that had such a dramatic effect on our lives and attitudes be reduced to a 3 hour romantic drama starring a future Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett? And if it is, would you want to see it?

The question still looms: "How can we truly honor those who have died?" First off, lets forget politics and own up to our failures. This goes beyond Democrat or Republican; the fact of the matter is we messed up and now we need to find out "why" and "how to fix the problem." Next, we need to let the dead rest in peace. Every single politician who uses 9-11 as an excuse or a political crutch should be disgraced and deported; the tragedy hurt us all, not just those in office. And finally, perhaps we should go after the people who actually attacked us Osama bin Laden...remember him?).

In the end this week, I leave you with this quote by James Bryce: "Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong."

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theatre. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

Off Campus

PSU political groups host presidential debate

Students unimpressed with outcome, blame lack of substance and maturity

By Kayur Patel
and Bethany Fehlinger
Collegian Staff Writers

They fought for over an hour, but a winner was not declared.

Four debaters battled over the United States' next president at the "Political Punch Out" held last night at the Pollock Commons Recreation Room.

"Our main objective was to get people to vote," Jason Becker (junior-information sciences and technology) said.

Becker, who organized the event along with Nomi Deutch (senior-political science) and John Gentile (junior-marketing), said the night was very successful. Gentile served as the debate's moderator.

"If you don't vote, you don't have an opinion," Rob Arcamona, the debater for the College Democrats, said.

Darryl Watson, who represented The Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration & Immigrants Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN) in the debate and supported Sen. John Kerry, said it is necessary for students to make a decision for president.

"I was undecided, but now I'm more reluctant to vote," Tony Orenga (freshman-information sciences and technology) said. "I felt dumber after being here."

Orenga said the only way both sides would be able to sway voters would be through good showmanship and not through factual arguments.

"There was no substance," Bobby Parchuri (freshman-physics) said.

Orenga said the debaters who supported President George W. Bush for re-election did not seem confident and also seemed less intelligent than the debaters who supported Kerry.

"The Democrats argued stronger," Sarah Cochran (sophomore-communication arts and sciences) said. "The Republicans should be more understanding of both sides; they should try to be honest about the facts."

Cochran said she was a Republican and added the debaters supporting Bush showed the stubbornness that is associated with conservatives. The organizers of the "Political Punch Out" used a boxing theme and even had the mediator dressed as a referee.

Questions were aimed at one debater and then were open to be discussed by all debaters.

After eight rounds of questions, the audience was allowed to direct questions to specific debaters.

"I was personally disappointed in the audience," Deutch said. "There were no conservatives."

Nick Klein, who debated for the Young Americans for Freedom and supported Bush, said he was disappointed at the immaturity and disrespectful nature of the crowd.

Andy Banducci, College Republicans chairman, questioned Watson's calling Iraqi insurgents "freedom fighters."

"Darryl was not unpatriotic," Todd Taylor, who debated for the College Republicans, said. "Now Michael Moore, I do consider him unpatriotic."

Republicans show pride, support at Pitt campus

By Erin Clarke
Pitt News Staff Writer

The William Pitt Union patio looked like it was host to its own political debate.

The first presidential debate of the year was shown on a projector screen, hosted by the College Democrats, but when the College Republicans ran into some technical difficulty trying to show the debate at David Lawrence Hall, Bush supporters trotted across the street.

The small group that chose not to go home and watch the debate stood in the back of the crowd holding Bush/Cheney signs and applauding any moment that they thought President George W. Bush made Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry seem hypocritical.

Kerry spoke about supporting troops but, "he didn't defend his position on not voting for the 87th bill; he didn't vote for the support," freshman Ryan Bowen said.

Though the students on the lawn were divided, the candidates on the screen agreed on certain things. They both acknowledged that our troops were doing a good job in Iraq, nuclear proliferation is the biggest threat, and that a free Iraq would make America safer, but Kerry made sure he started off by saying that he and President Bush "have a different set of convictions."

"Truth is what good policy and leadership is," Kerry said. He said his belief is that Bush has mislead the American public by bombarding them with false information about weapons of mass destruction and not trying his hardest to make war a last resort.

Quick to defend his position, Bush argued that "the right action was in Iraq," and that he has consistently felt that way while his opponent's position changed with the political climate. He said that Kerry voted to commit troops and then changed his mind.

"The only consistency in his policy is that he's been inconsistent," Bush said.

Even after the candidates finished their debate at around 10:30 p.m., and students began to slowly clear their seats on the lawn, their views hadn't changed much.

"He didn't say anything that shocked me," said sophomore Chris Bosley, who had researched information about Bush and planned to vote for him.

National

U.S. inspector finds no evidence Saddam made weapons after 1991

By Ken Guggenheim
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Contradicting the main argument for a war that has cost more than 1,000 American lives, the top U.S. arms inspector said Wednesday he found no evidence that Iraq produced weapons of mass destruction after 1991. He also concluded that Saddam Hussein's ability to develop such weapons had dimmed _ not grown _ during a dozen years of sanctions before last year's U.S.-led invasion.

Contrary to prewar statements by President Bush, Saddam did not have chemical and biological stockpiles when the war began and his nuclear capabilities were deteriorating, not advancing, said Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group.

The findings come less than four weeks before an election in which Bush's handling of Iraq is the central issue. They could boost Democratic candidate John Kerry's contention that Bush rushed to war based on faulty intelligence and that United Nations sanctions and weapons inspectors should have been given more time.

But Duelfer also supports Bush's argument that Saddam remained a threat. Interviews with the toppled leader and other former Iraqi officials made clear that Saddam still wanted to pursue weapons of mass destruction and hoped to revive his weapons program if U.N. sanctions were lifted.

"What is clear is that Saddam retained his notions of use of force and had experiences that demonstrated the utility of WMD," Duelfer told Congress.

Campaigning in Pennsylvania, Bush defended the decision to invade.

"There was a risk, a real risk, that Saddam Hussein would pass weapons or materials or information to terrorist networks," Bush said in a speech in Wilkes Barre, Pa. "In the world after Sept. 11, that was a risk we could not afford to take."

But Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, campaigning in West Palm Beach, Fla., said Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney "are in a complete state of denial" about the war.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said Duelfer's findings undercut the administration's argument for war. "We did not go to war because Saddam had future intentions to obtain weapons of mass destruction," said Levin.

The report also concludes that the Iraqi government was able to manipulate a U.N. oil-for-food program to avoid the sanctions' effects for a few years, acquiring billions of dollars to import goods such as parts for missile systems.

Duelfer also in the report accused the former head of the U.N. oil-for-food program of accepting bribes in the form of vouchers for Iraqi oil sales from Saddam's government.

"Once the oil-for-food program began, it provided all kind of levers for him (Saddam) to manipulate his way out of sanctions," Duelfer told Congress on Wednesday.

He said he believed sanctions against Saddam _ even though they appeared to work in part _ were unsustainable long term.

On specific points, Duelfer said:

He concluded that aluminum tubes suspected of being used for enriching uranium for use in a nuclear bomb were likely destined for conventional rockets and that there is no evidence Iraq sought uranium abroad after 1991. Both findings contradict claims made by Bush and other top administration officials before the war.

It is unclear what happened to banned weapons produced before 1991 that Saddam had declared in the 1990s to the United Nations but were never accounted for.

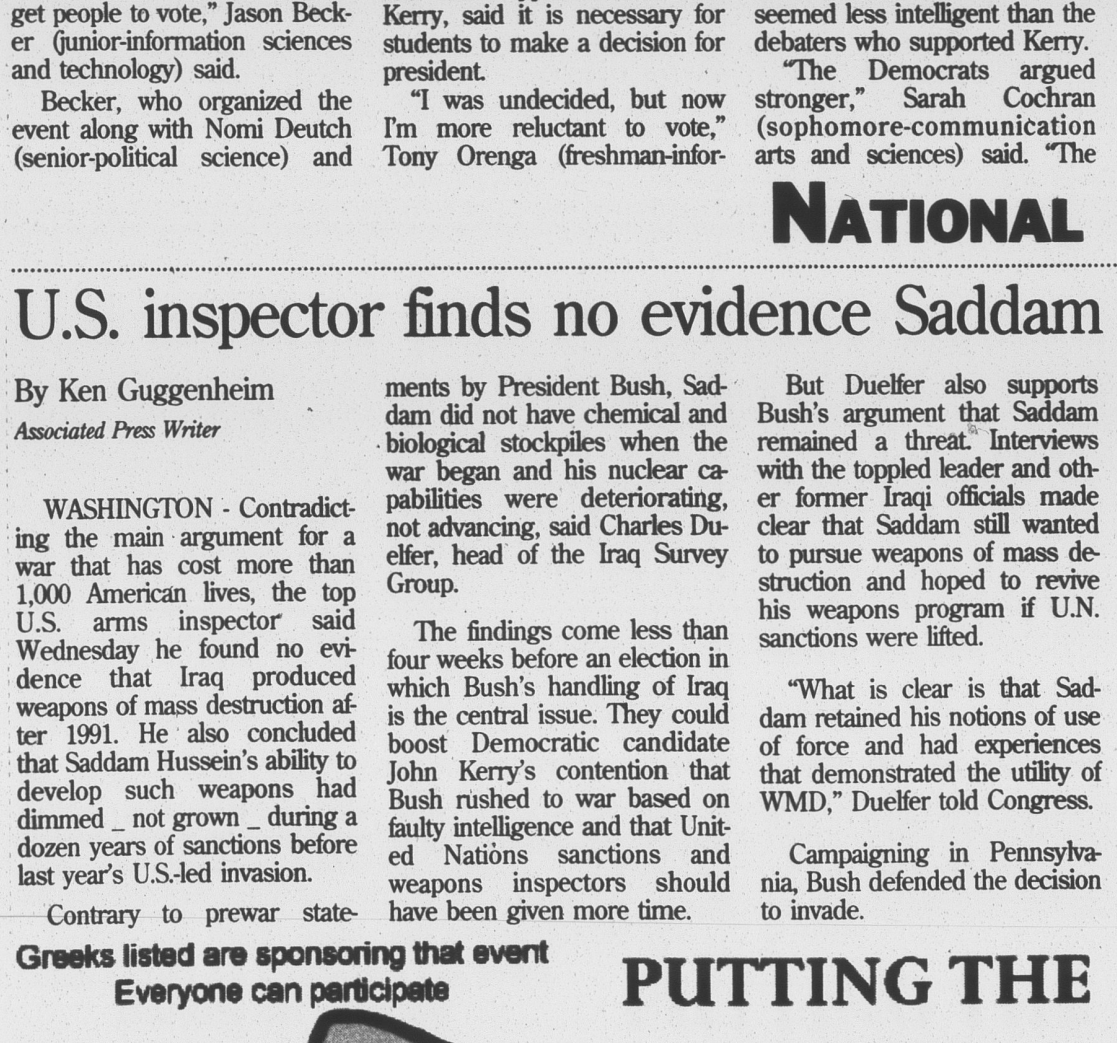
For example, Saddam declared having 550 155-millimeter artillery shells with mustard agents, but it's not known what became of most of them. He said 53 "residual rounds" have been found and the others are not considered a significant threat.

The likelihood of finding the stockpiles that the president spoke about before the war was "less than 5 percent."

The inspectors found no evidence that Saddam was passing weapons of mass destruction material to terrorist groups but added that wasn't a strong focus of his report.

Traveling in Africa, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush's main foreign ally in the war, said the report shows Saddam was "doing his best" to evade the U.N. sanctions.

But the former head of the U.N. weapons inspection team, Hans Blix, said: "Had we had a few months more (of inspections before the war), we would have been able to tell both the CIA and others that there were no weapons of mass destruction (at) all the sites that they had given to us."



Campus News

Chorus performs saucy affair

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

Imagine a Friday night filled with lots of singing, and a bit of lathering, rinsing and repeating: four times in a row. No, it isn't a hair washing night, but an annual fund-raising event and dinner called "Music and Meatballs."

Last Friday evening, for the fourth year in a row, the concert choir put on four 50 minute shows entertaining more than 200 guests in the basement of the nearby Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Robin A. Lind, assistant professor of music, says that "the students do everything…they create the advertising, they buy the food, they decorate, they serve, they wash the dishes." The musicians work hard to multi-task each year to help defray costs for trips abroad.

In recent years, the group has traveled extensively to as far reaching venues as Italy, California and most recently the Carolinas.

Kauleen Cloutier, a first soprano in the choir and also hostess for Music and Meatballs, comments about how distinguished this choir is outside of Pennsylvania.

"This is a huge PR thing," she said. "Our choir is known well throughout the nation. We send flyers to the locations, it's not just a couple people coming to our events."

This year they are going to Florida. According to Stephanie Nicholson, a lyric soprano, the group must fund raise early in order to take these two week tours in the first weeks of January.

"The group saves up yearly - but the money raised at Music & Meatballs serves as extra padding." This year, the group raised more than $1000 dollars.

With that in mind, Nicholson adds that much hard work and preparation go into this event. "We usually start preparing about a month in advance. We want everything to be just right, so we divide the choir into four committees, one for PR, one for entertainment, decorations and one for food," she said. "They delegate within each of their groups and that Thursday they go and buy the food. Then on that Friday morning, usually they start at around 9:30 to decorate with lights all over the ceiling."

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Students help themselves to pasta in the kitchen after their musical performance.

The decorations for this year were a bit different, with netting and sea shells on all the tables. For the first time, the choir chose to create an ambience and atmosphere through a theme called "Down Under."

"Cliché I know," Nicholson said. "But we chose that theme because it was new— we haven't chosen a theme before… but we're going to Florida this year and since Florida is in the south, we said 'Hey, why not.'"

When asked if the theme next year would be Titanic, if the choir went on a cruise ship trip, she answered, "It could be—you never know with Music & Meatballs."

To give a donation to the Concert Choir, please contact Dr. Lind at lindra@westminster.edu.

Science students compete in week of fun

By Blake Morrow
Campus Writer

Starting Sept. 27 and ending Oct. 1, the science department held the second annual Geek Week.

During Geek Week, science students competed against each other through interactive games, which covered the five areas of the science department. These five areas include chemistry, biology, psychology, physics, math and computer science.

Each major consisted of at least one team with a minimum of three members per team. With nine teams competing, the games were underway. The teams battled each other for five nights testing their knowledge in the five science areas.

The games consisted of a chemistry relay race, psychology jeopardy, a math puzzle, physics egg drop, and biology hide and seek.

Sophomore Perry Longarce, who is on the biology team commented about the difficulty of the games. "The competition is pretty tight this year."

On Friday, after the final event was played and the teams began to settle down from all the excitement, an award ceremony was conducted. Awards were given out to the teams that participated in the events.

The overall winner was, coincidentally, the Most Awesome Team Ever from the physics department, who won by a narrow margin of one point.

A second award was also presented to the science department geekiest professor of the year, Dr. Helen Boylan of the chemistry department. This was determined by the students voting for their favorite professor within the science department.

Nick Sheehan, a member from the biology team who won Tuesday's psychology jeopardy event said, "This whole week is basically for bragging rights within the science department."

This year's second annual Geek Week was once again a huge success according to the students that participated. Throughout the week, both individuals and teams displayed outstanding leadership.

This week also provided an opportunity for students to come together throughout the science community.

Junior Arron Bruck, a chemistry major who helped set up Geek Week was pleased with the outcome.

"This is the fun side of science for us, and allows us to poke fun at ourselves for being geeks, but in the end we just have fun with it."

Theta Chi to send two people to Florida in Nov.

All proceeds benefit American Red Cross

By Caitlin Pratt
Campus Writer

This November, while the rest of the student population is trapped in the cold, two lucky students will be basking in the Florida sun, thanks to Theta Chi's second annual Suitcase Party.

Theta Chi is selling tickets for a grand prize of a trip to Florida for just $5, which will be entered into a drawing to be held a week before the Suitcase Party.

According to the Suitcase Party public relations chair and Theta Chi brother Bob Allen, the winners will be announced at midnight on Thursday, Nov. 4 during the party.

Students must come to the party with packed suitcases and prepared for a vacation. A limo will be waiting in front of the McKelvey Center, with velvet ropes lining the walkway and cameras flashing.

"They'll feel like movie stars," said Allen.

The limo will then take the winners to the Pittsburgh airport, where they will fly to the sandy beaches of Florida. Exactly which beach the winners will be visiting will be announced October 29.

The winners will stay at a hotel one mile from the beach for a total of four days and three nights.

They will leave at midnight and will return Tuesday night and will be provided with a certain amount of spending money, along with transportation.

A portion of proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards the fraternity's chief charity, the American Red Cross, according to Chip Hothem, a member Theta Chi's PR committee for this event.

Last year was the first time Theta Chi hosted the Suitcase Party, which was originally sponsored by Theta Chi in the 80s.

When asked about last year's success, Hothem said, "As a fraternity, we sent two people to Florida for a few days. Everything ran smoothly, so I guess it was a big success."

Seniors Megan Sigler and Lauren Anderson were the two lucky winners last year to be flown to Ft. Lauderdale.

"It was the most amazing experience of my life," Sigler said. "I'm just jealous that two other people get to take our place this year. I want to win again!"

Theta Chi is hopeful that this year's party will bring in more money than last year's.

"This year the [ticket] cost was cut in half and we're trying to reach out more to of the community," said Allen.

The Suitcase Party will have exposure on HOT101 and four other local radio stations, inviting members of the community to become involved.

"Students better get on the ball and get tickets because there's going to be more competition this year," said Allen.

For those students who buy tickets and do not win the Florida grand prize, all hope is not lost.

Ticket holders are still able to win door prizes and a fifty/fifty raffle at the party, which is open even to students who did not purchase tickets. Allen and Hothem said that a limbo contest, games, music, and prizes will amount to four hours of fun.

As to the rising concern about southern Florida hurricanes, Allen is reassuring.

"We at Theta Chi are confident that the hurricane season will be over by the weekend of Nov. 5," he said. "However, if we have any reservations about the conditions in Florida, the trip's location will be changed."

Students, faculty, and community members can purchase tickets from any Theta Chi brother or e-mail ticket orders to suitcaseparty@yahoo.com by Thursday, October 28.

"I really commend the brothers of Theta Chi for all the hard work they put into this event," said Sigler.

"If I could win last year, anyone can. Lauren and I are proof that the Suitcase Party is the real deal!"

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Fall Fest concert cancelled

The Yves Jean Band performs at the Anderson Ampitheater as part of the Student Government Association's second annual Fall Fest. Due to the low student turnout at the concert, the other bands scheduled to play Saturday evening were cancelled.

"I was very disappointed in the lack of student interest at the show," SGA Vice President Russ Mills said. "The Yves Jean Band and the other bands we booked are nationally known groups. SGA worked hard to bring a variety of entertainment to campus last weekend, and no one took advantage of what we offered. It looks bad for our school to have such a poor turnout."

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:27 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Sunday	7:28 a.m.	6:48 p.m.
Monday	7:29 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	7:31 a.m.	6:43 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	2:20 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Sunday	3:26 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Monday	4:32 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Tuesday	5:40 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
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Regional Cities

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Akron, OH	63	48	sh	68	48	s	65	48	s	66	48	s	69	48	pc
Butler, PA	65	44	sh	66	40	s	64	42	s	67	48	s	69	47	s
Cambridge, OH	67	49	sh	71	46	pc	67	45	s	70	49	s	70	48	pc
Canton, OH	64	47	sh	69	47	s	66	47	s	67	48	s	70	49	pc
Cincinnati, OH	68	50	sh	72	47	pc	72	47	sh	72	47	sh	73	50	pc
Clarion, PA	63	45	sh	63	42	s	62	45	s	63	48	pc	66	47	pc
Clarksburg, WV	68	49	sh	69	45	s	66	44	s	67	48	s	71	44	s
Cleveland, OH	66	48	sh	66	49	s	66	49	s	66	53	s	70	51	c
Columbus, OH	67	52	sh	74	50	pc	69	51	pc	69	51	s	72	51	pc
Cumberland, MD	70	51	sh	67	46	s	67	46	s	66	48	s	68	47	pc
Erie, PA	64	50	sh	60	48	s	62	48	s	62	50	s	67	52	pc
Franklin, PA	64	46	sh	64	40	s	62	45	s	65	49	pc	67	47	pc
Greensburg, PA	66	49	sh	68	47	s	66	47	s	67	51	s	69	49	s
Greenville, PA	65	47	sh	65	44	s	64	48	s	66	50	pc	68	47	pc
Grove City, PA	65	46	sh	65	42	s	63	45	s	66	48	pc	68	46	pc
Hagerstown, MD	70	48	sh	67	45	s	66	47	s	72	50	s	67	49	c
Indiana, PA	67	49	sh	69	46	s	65	45	s	67	48	s	68	48	s
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Washington, PA	64	45	sh	67	42	s	66	42	s	66	45	s	69	45	s
Waynesburg, PA	64	47	sh	68	44	s	67	45	s	67	48	s	70	47	pc
Wheeling, WV	64	49	sh	69	47	s	66	48	s	66	53	s	69	48	s
Youngstown, OH	67	48	sh	66	43	s	64	47	s	67	50	pc	69	48	pc
Wooster, OH	66	46	sh	70	42	s	66	44	s	67	46	s	70	46	pc
Zanesville, OH	67	50	sh	72	47	pc	67	46	s	70	49	s	70	48	pc

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Titan soccer still victorious in PAC

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

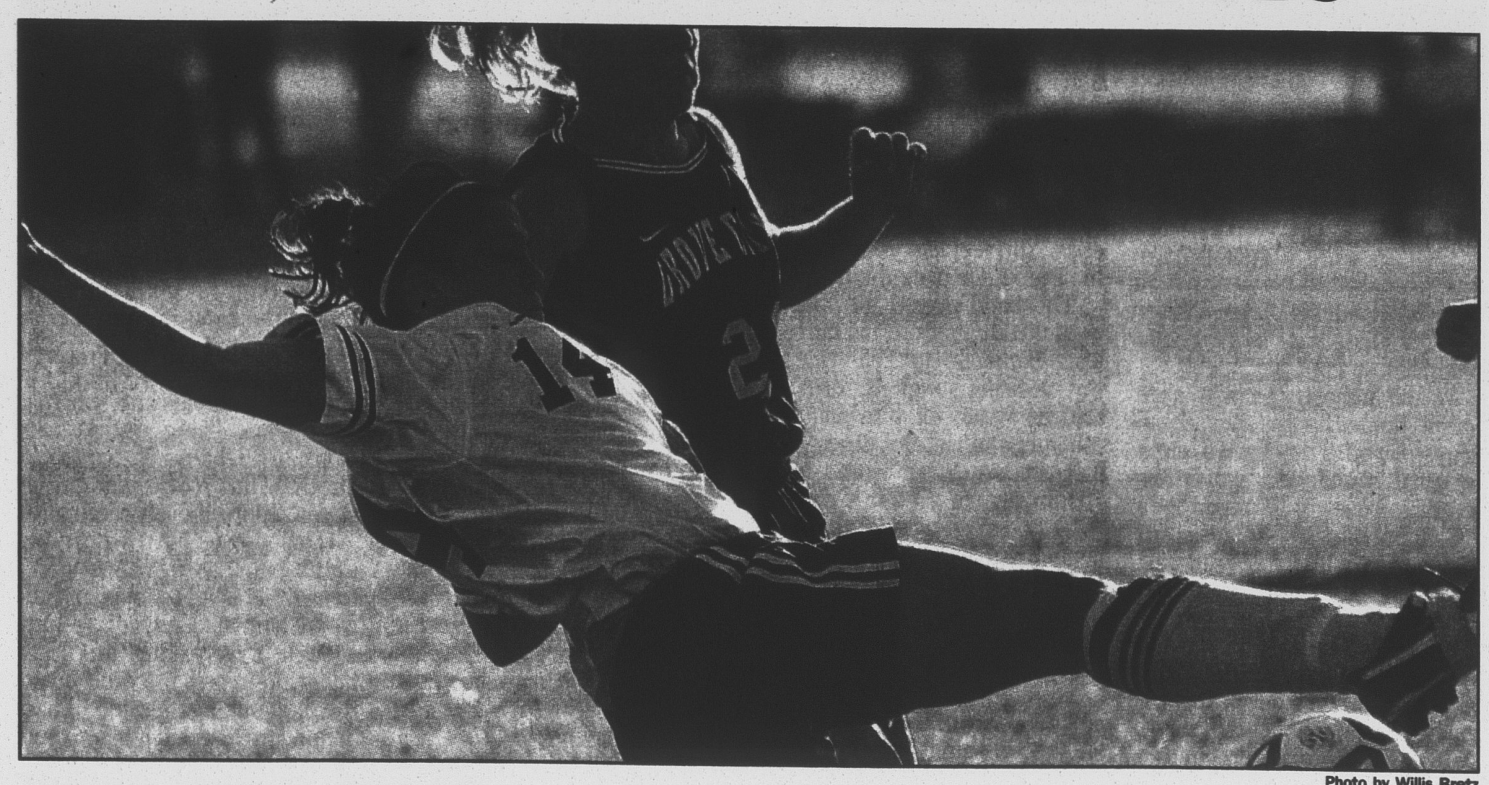


Photo by Willis Bretz

Women's soccer vs. Grove City

Freshman Brittany McKee stretches out to get a foot on the ball during the match-up against Grove City last Thursday. The Lady-Titans beat their PAC opponent 4-0.

The men's soccer team improved to a perfect 10-0 overall and 3-0 in PACs as the Titan kickers continued the best start in the program's storied history with a 2-1 victory at defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson.

Westminster began the game ranked sixth in the current NSCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region men's soccer poll, giving the team one of the highest ratings ever.

Westminster opened the scoring just seven minutes into the contest, as freshman Andy Saporito scored off an assist by sophomore midfielder Alex Castillo for a 1-0 start. After going into halftime in a dead heat at 1-1, the Titans posted the game-winning goal two minutes into the second half, as freshman Garrett Horvath found the net, again assisted by Castillo. Titan sophomore Anthony Beilstein went the distance in goal to earn the PAC win, making three saves. The titans out shot W&J 12-11 in the victory.

The Titan now look for their 11th consecutive win as they travel to face PAC rival Thiel College.

The men's soccer team improved to a perfect 11-0 overall and 4-0 in PACs, as the Titans continued the best start in the program's history with a 2-1 double-overtime thriller at league rival Thiel College. The men opened the scoring in the first half, as freshman Cory Criss found the back of the net. The Titans would take that lead into halftime.

The scored remained tied until late in the second overtime, when the Titans got the game-winning goal by sophomore Todd Atwood, who headed in a cross from senior Christian Davoli in the waning minuets of the game. Titan keeper Anthony Beilstein played the whole game to earn the PAC win.

The Titans charge forward and look fore their twelfth consecutive win as they travel to face PAC rival Grove City College. The Titans defeated Grove City last week 2-0 in their first meeting.

The women's soccer team saw its record trickle down to 7-2 on the season in Meadville, as the Lady Titans saw their four-game winning streak come to a halt with a 3-1 non-conference loss at Allegheny College. The ladies rallied to tie the game 1-1 in the first half, as freshman Scarlett Bretz scored off assists by classmates Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman and Brittany McKee.

However, the Allegheny posted two more goals in a short span to take the game. Allegheny out shot the titans 9-8. Senior keeper Nicole Drummond went the distance in goal, making nine saves in the loss.

The women are back to it as they play host to PAC rival Grove City College. The ladies are currently 2-0 and in first place in the PAC.

The Lady Titans bounced back and saw its record improve to 8-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in PACs, following a 4-0 victory over long-time rival Grove City College. The Titans led 1-0 at halftime before tallying three more goals in the second.

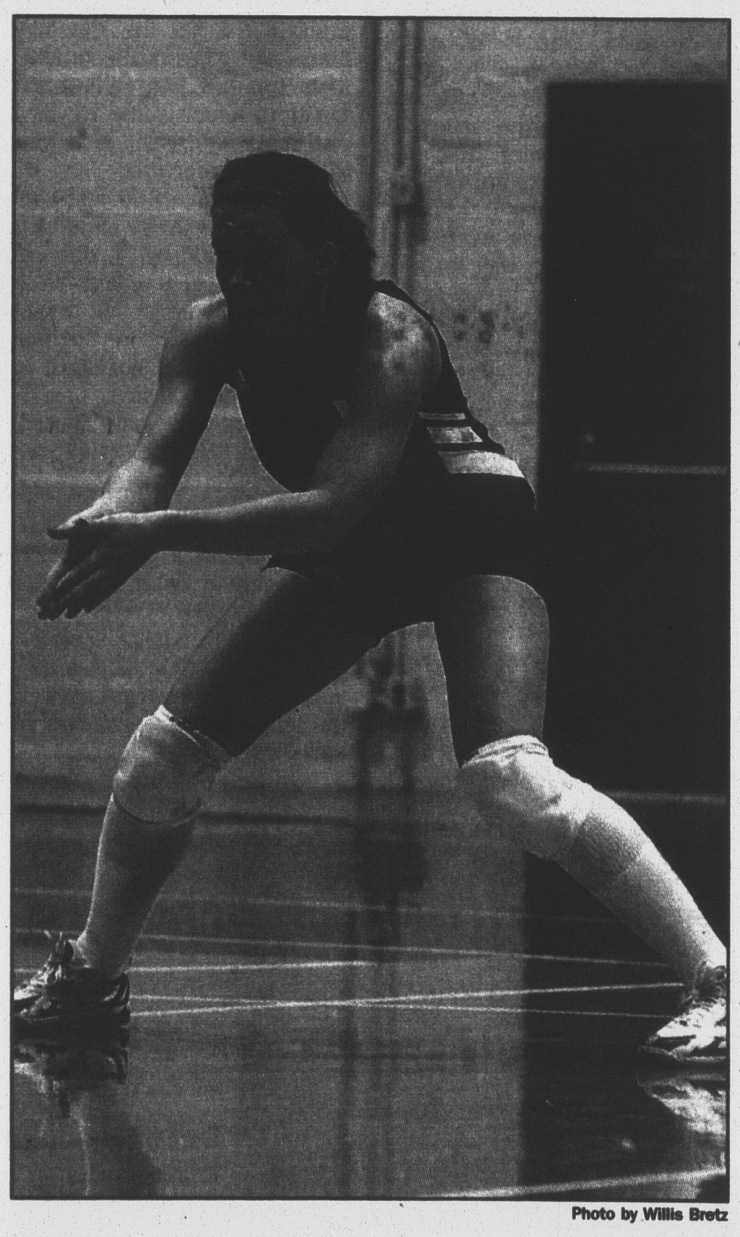
Freshman and player of the week Scarlett Bretz opened the scoring ten minutes into the game with an unassisted goal. Senior Angie Depascale scored the following two goals, as she found the back of the net. The first was assisted by Bretz and the second was assisted by sophomore Sarah Calderone. Senior Jen Raub closed ended the onslaught with a goal late in the game. The ladies out shot Grove City 22-16. Senior keeper Nicole Drummond once again went the distance in net, making a season-high thirteen saves to post her seventh shutout of the season. Drummond is now one shutout shy of the school single-season record of eight shutouts, set by Sarah Morrison in 2000.

The Lady Titans had another dominating PAC performance and improve its record to 9-2 overall and a perfect 4-0 in PACs as they hung a 3-0 shutout victory over Thiel College. The Lady Titans, who have now won two straight games, have outscored their PAC opponents 14-0 in four contests thus far this season. The Titans led 1-0 at halftime before blasting in a pair of insurance goals in the second half.

Freshman star Scarlett Bretz opened the scoring halfway through the first half. The score remained unchanged until the final five minutes of the game. Freshman Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal late in the contest, then classmate Jessica Kausits closed the scoring with one minute left.

The Titans blistered Thiel when it came to shot on goal, as the titans out shot them 25-4. Senior goalie Nicole Drummond went the distance in net, making only four saves to post her eighth shutout of the season. Drummond has now tied the school record for shutouts in a season.

The women look to add another win to their mark when they take on PAC opponent Washington & Jefferson College. In their first meeting, the ladies defeated W&J by a score



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Women's volleyball

Junior Erin Hinks gets set as she waits for a serve from Waynesburg. Hinks had 11 kills during the match last Thursday.

The team saw its record improve to 12-10 overall and 2-1 in the PACs on Oct. 5 in Bethany, W.Va., as the Lady Titan spikers recorded a 30-24, 30-27, 30-22 league win at Bethany College. Westminster trailed 22-18 in the final game before rolling off 12 consecutive points to clinch the match.

Pacing the Westminster offensive attack was senior middle hitter Sarah McKain with a team-high nine kills. Sophomore middle hitter Heidi Kracker added eight kills and five total blocks while sophomore setter Rachael Cooper had a team-best 20 assists. Senior libero Sara Miller led the squad in digs with 18.

The team hosts Thiel College on Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

As NFL season kicks off, playoff contenders begin to emerge

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

In most editions of the sports page, I reserve the editorial column for Tom Heath's expertise. However, being the primary journalist for the Titan football team and as a result of their bye last weekend, I'm here to flex my argumentative might.

The NFL season is four weeks old and several teams have distinguished themselves as serious playoff contenders.

Above all other teams, the New England Patriots, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Philadelphia Eagles appear to be the league's most dominant.

I consider these my top tier contenders.

New England, riding an 18-game win streak that dates back to last season and includes their 2004 Super Bowl victory, does one thing and do it well-win football games.

Indianapolis has lost one game this year (to New England).

Offensively, the Colts are as good as it gets. Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James, and Marvin Harrison embody a modern day Aikman-Emmitt-Irvin offensive triumvirate.

With the addition of Terrell Owens, Philadelphia is soaring higher than ever. Other than Michael Vick and Randy Moss, no other NFC player commands as much respect, er, attention as Owens.

After these three teams, several teams emerge as early season second tier contenders: the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Baltimore Ravens, the Atlanta Falcons, the Minnesota Vikings, and the New York Jets.

Jacksonville and Baltimore win with defense. This is not a surprise that they are similar either. Jacksonville head coach Jack del Rio coached the Ravens defense in their Super Bowl season.

Atlanta has the leagues biggest game-changer in Michael Vick. As he goes, Atlanta goes.

Minnesota is a real threat in the NFC North with the early season debacle that is the Green Bay Packers.

Like the Eagles, the Vikings wield a great offensive threat in Randy Moss. Moss is playing this season with not only his superior ability, but also a maturity and heart.

The Jets quietly have moved to the league's upper echelon. Two solid yet subtle talents have led their resurgence-the consummate pro, Curtis Martin, and a healthy Chad Pennington.

Aside from these eight teams, several other teams have emerged as peripheral contenders: The Pittsburgh Steelers, the San Diego Chargers, the Houston Texans, the Seattle Seahawks and the New York Giants.

All of these teams have shown enough early on that leads me to believe that they'll contend in December.

However, I consider them peripheral contenders because each team is one injury away from disaster.

Imagine if the Steelers were to lose Hines Ward or that the Seahawks were to lose Shaun Alexander.

Much has been said of parody in today's NFL. I'd argue against it.

Early this season, big name players have been making big time plays, and their teams have benefited.

The NFL is a league of stars. Thus far this season, the teams whose stars shine brightest win football games.

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"Bero Bunch" boosts Titan football spirit

On Friday, October 1st, a new phenomenon swept through campus.

Friday marked the emergence of "The Bero Bunch."

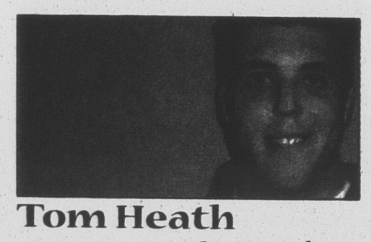
"The Bero Bunch" is a loosely gathered student organization that strives to foster not only support for the Titan football squad, but also support for the club's namesake, junior tight end, Josh Bero.

"The Bero Bunch" was founded by organization president Mark Francazio.

"We really wanted to do something different," Francazio said. "I sat back and thought that this was a great way to start some spirit in the Titan sports tradition. I've always been innovative, so I put that to work with this group."

"The Bero Bunch" banded together to purchase t-shirts to be worn on Fridays and on game days.

Because the Titans were idle last weekend, "The Bero Bunch" will be traveling to W&J on October 9th to support Josh Bero and the rest of the football squad.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The MLB Playoffs

This is just one of the many reasons why I love the fall. You can't beat the fall classic, the World Series. Overall, this baseball season was a great one. Both the American and National league wildcards were not decided till over the weekend right at the wire. However there were a few dominate teams, one of them being the St Louis Cardinals. If there is a team to watch this post season, this is it.

With a line up this strong, their pitching staff and rotation better bring their A-game. Just looking at this lineup will strike the fear of god in any of the opponents they will face this October. Albert Pujols leads the Cardinals going 196 of 592 in 154 games with a batting average of .331 and an on base percentage of .415. Along with the Cardinals' solid batting stats, their pitching is the one area they are defiantly no slouch what so ever. Matt Morris, Jeff Suppan, Jason Marquis, and Chris Carpenter all have 15 or more wins on the season. The pitching staff as a whole has an earned run average of 3.75, which is respectable. With great stats like this, it was no wonder they clinched the National League Central Division before any other team in the majors. St. Louis will enter the playoffs with a record of 105-57, better than any other team in the majors.

The Cardinals are obviously my favorite for the post season. I don't think that any team will be able to contain them with as many offensive and defensive weapons as they have. However, I am a firm believer that anything can happen. Here are some things that will need to be taken into consideration. The first is that many, many of the players in the post season will be battling minor injuries. Three of the Cardinals top players, Carpenter, Rolen, and Kline have been struggling to stay healthy with the conclusion of the regular season. Along with injuries, pitching will also play a major role in the off season. All 8 of the teams have high powered offenses, so who ever has the best pitching will win out. Going by these facts, here are my predictions.

1) Angels v. Red Sox. - If the Red Sox are clicking on all cylinders they will roll in 4. They need to take control in the first 17 to 18 outs of the game. If this can be accomplished, it'll be no sweat. However if the Angels go down to the wire, the will roll into the next round.

2) Twins v. Yankees.- Jason Santana of the Twins is key for them to move on. Santana is 13-0 with an 1.18 ERA. If he takes control, the Yankees could see him twice and that wouldn't be good for business. This series will revolve around the very first game.

3) Dodgers v. Cardinals. - This is a no brainier. The Cards will easily roll in 3. I really don't think there is anyway the Dodgers can hang with these guys.

4) Astros v. Braves. - This series could really go either way. The Astros finished the season red hot and proved they are a force to be reckoned with. They are very deep in the lineup as well has having a deep pitching rotation and staff. The Braves are also a strong team who could extinguish the Astros' red hot streak. This series will go down right to the wire.

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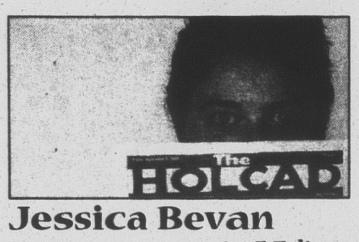
Arts & Entertainment

Told you so: Ari Hest gave a heart-felt performance



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Now class... Raise your hand if you managed to tear yourself away from a lively evening of watching "While You Were Out" and "What Not to Wear" last Friday to go see Ari Hest? Don't lie. I know who was there. And you weenies missed out on a darn tootin' good show. (Yes, it was that good.)

Let's have a little background info on Ari. (We're on a first name basis. He signed my CD.) New Yorker, raised in a musically inclined family, and was just recently bumped up from an independent label to powerhouse Columbia Records.

Bands most likely to tour with: Guster, O.A.R., Howie Day, Matt Nathanson, or the Clarks. Actually, that sounds like a pretty good tour. Can someone get on that for me?

A Washington D.C.-based band called Down Dexter opened the show. Well, two of the guys from the band: lead singer and guitarist, Jeff, who looks like Cameron from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," and the band's mandolin player. Never in my life has a mandolin sounded so cool.

In all honesty, I could have gone home happy after these guys played. They have a great original sound, and did an incredible cover of Damien Rice's "Cannonball." (More on Damien in a bit.) Added bonus: Jeff had on a shirt that said "Honky." Glorious.

(I apologize for the lack of info on this wonderful little band. I couldn't hear any last names at the show and their website is definitely lacking in the content area.)

Ari is of the grand tradition of simplistically complex lyrics. You know what I mean. For example: "They're on to me/And I am scared to no end/Once I had the control/Rules were there to bend" ("They're on to Me"). That's some good stuff. I like songs that you can mold like Play-Doh to fit your life. And he has an easy stage presence. You feel like you could be his friend. Or something.

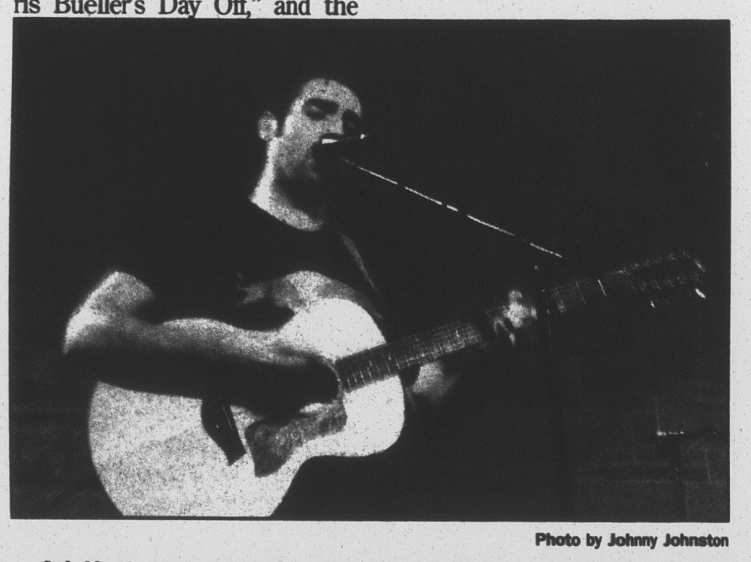
The band played the majority of the songs from his current disc, Someone to Tell. One of my favorite songs is one he said he wrote for him and Norah Jones to sing together – he just needs to meet Norah now. His cover of Peter Gabriel's "Mercy Street" was also a major highlight.

Which brings me back to Damien Rice – if you aren't that familiar with Damien Rice, or Peter Gabriel, for that matter, get on the ball!

Another nice thing about this show was getting to meet both acts. These guys were more than willing to hang out and talk after the show. And of course sign all of those CDs that were getting sold.

And since someone else always says it better: "Not only does Hest combine percussive guitar, peanut butter-on-the-roof-of-your-head melodies, and balanced arrangements, but he also has a rich, powerful voice that gives the overall package a nice rock edge."

Stay tuned for next week, when I'll give you all a sneak peak at my English capstone. Just kidding.



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Ari Hest won over the crowd last Friday during his performance. Down Dexter opened the show.

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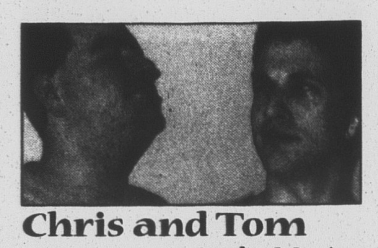
Shark Tale sinks like buried treasure and Mr. 3000 strikes out



Chris and Tom
At the Movies

Think back to your favorite children's movie. Maybe it's a classic like Sleeping Beauty or a modern film like A Bug's Life. What is it you liked about the movie?

Was it the beautiful animation? Its fun and fitting musical numbers? Or maybe the emotional connection you felt with those on the screen?

Likely it was at least one, if not all of these that had you crying to your mommy to see it for the fifth time in the theater. (That is, of course, unless it was A Bug's Life. Then you'd be crying to a rather annoyed high school sweetheart. Or in some cases, your mommy.)

What most people fail to recognize is that children's films have always needed to excel in areas like character development and emotional connection because children grow disinterested so quickly.

Without these, stories fade away because children would rather be doing something else. When a movie is a success, however, it becomes a part of you that won't let go and forces us to buy rather childish t-shirts for a ridiculous $20-$25 a pop several years down the road just so we can be proud of this memory.

With the downfall of character development in modern live action films, it has seemingly been Pixar and more recently Dreamworks animation that has taken up the responsibility of creating these memorable characters and stories. But with all that being said, we won't be seeing any Shark Tale t-shirts any time soon.

Shark Tale seems to be a movie destined for trouble from the beginning. The story is as old as they come. A fish from the lower class wishes to be rich and famous only to find out that life was just fine with those that loved him in the beginning. A mainly sub-plot involving family love exists too, but since it copies The Godfather, we'd advise you to just go watch The Godfather.

The cast is all stars: Will Smith, Renee Zellweger, Robert De Niro, Jack Black, Angelina Jolie and Martin Scorcese. And that's just the leads. The supporting include Doug E. Doug, Ziggy Marley, Peter Faulk and Katie Couric just to name a few. Trouble is everyone plays themselves in this movie so there's no effort to create a character at all.

If they didn't cast this movie and then write the dialogue we'd be shocked. Moreover, since every fish looks as identical to their respective voice counterparts as imaginable, we have the hint it wasn't even animated until the cast was set either.

But the real nail for this movie came composer Hans Zimmer who told the producer he'd do the picture because he wanted to do a movie that was just fun.

However, a good score is one of the most important parts of an animated movie. The movie can only be fun if the score is beautiful and exciting. So by just going out to have "fun" (read by us as "easy paycheck"), the movie was buried at sea before it even came alive.

This movie isn't worth two dumb puns, so we're just going to say this is a D movie and the worst animated movie we have seen in a very long time, certainly the worst to come out of the computer-generated era of animation. And don't let them fool you into think this movie was a success. Fifty million dollars may be a lot to us but for a movie like Shark Tale, it's an embarrassment.

Being advised on the less than admiral qualities of Shark Tale, we decided to go see the new baseball comedy Mr. 3000. The movie stars Bernie Mac as Stan Ross, a legendary hitter for the Milwaukee Brewers who immediately retired upon achieving the 3,000 hits milestone.

Obviously, Stan didn't care much about his teammates, who didn't like him much either. Actually no one liked Stan; that was the problem. He was so disliked by the media that he never got voted into the Hall of Fame after multiple tries. Then one day, baseball statisticians discovered that three of Stan's hits were accidentally recorded twice, which meant that he only had 2,997 career hits.

Now his possibility of ever entering the Hall of Fame had completely vanished, however Stan had other plans. He planned to re-enter the league and get those three hits back.

However, Stan is 47, which proves to be much of the comedy in this film. He plans to easily dominate like he once did, but soon discovers that he's way out of his league. He becomes a laughing stock for most of the sports world and must try to find a way to relinquish his career.

This very original premise seems to be very promising and inventive, and provides for a lot of fun jokes for sports fans.

Also included are numerous appearances by sports broadcasting celebrities such as Stuart Scott and even Tom Arnold. These sports shows are all discussing Stan's ups and downs, whether in support of him or against him, and are used very well to create a sense of realism.

The other subplot of this film involves Mo, played by the stunning Angela Bassett, who is a reporter for Sportscenter and an old flame of Stan's. She has been assigned to his story, bringing these two characters together once more.

When a movie is a success, however, it becomes a part of you that won't let go and forces us to buy rather childish t-shirts for a ridiculous $20-$25 a pop several years down the road just so we can be proud of this memory.

It is through his interaction with Mo that Stan begins to see who he is really is and what he really wants.

Often in this movie, we found ourselves to not liking Stan at all, therefore we didn't care if he got the record. In the beginning of the film, Stan is an egotistical, arrogant jerk who is really washed up but doesn't realize it.

Later in the film we begin to care about Stan a lot more as he becomes a more normal person. This jumping back and forth really causes unevenness in the film, especially since most of the comedy falls flat.

Yes, Bernie Mac is a very funny guy, but here he is such a jerk that he isn't all that funny. When we do like him, he is dealing with serious issues. We would even be inclined to call half this movie a drama, as its best points were in moments of drama. This is particularly true with every moment involving Angela Bassett, who brings a lot to what could have been a boring role. Mac is surprisingly good in the dramatic scenes, but he isn't in the top comedy form that we know he is capable of.

Also, what the hell has happened to Paul Sorvino's career that he must be stuck with a nothing role as the mundane manager? Maybe his daughter Mira can use her un-deserved Oscar to knock some life back into him. Oh wait, she'd have to fix her career first.

Anyway, Mr. 3000 just can't seem to make up its mind as to what it wants to be. It starts off rocky, then gets going pretty good, then goes all wrong again, and ends up surprisingly good at the end, avoiding a lot of sport movie clichés.

However, that still doesn't save it as a whole, which is a C+ film.

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CALENDAR

October 08, 2004

11 AM - 1 PM Theta Chi Suitcase Party Ticket Sales - MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11:40 AM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

12 PM - 2 PM College Republicans T-Shirt Sale - MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4 PM - 6 PM Meet the Greeks Intramural Competition: Capture the Flag - Quad

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert - MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8 PM Movie in Mueller - MCC Mueller Theatre

9 PM Screening of Presidential Debates - Phillips Lecture Hall

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller - - MCC Mueller Theatre

October 09, 2004

2 PM Classic Film Series: The Great Dictator — MCC Mueller Theatre

2 PM Student Recital/Lecture: Daphne Cortes, cello — Phillips Lecture Hall, HSC

4 PM Meet PA's Statewide Green Party Candidates — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

October 10, 2004

3 PM Student Recital: Michelle Long, flute — Wallace Memorial Chapel

3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

October 11, 2004

11 AM - 1 PM Theta Chi Suitcase Party Ticket Sales — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11 AM - 1 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4:30 PM All-Campus Book Discussion: Ecology of a Cracker Childhood by Janisse Ray — MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM - 7 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9 PM Monday Night Football: Tennessee at Green Bay — MCC Club

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

October 12, 2004

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Education Clinic Series: Accountability and Ethics for School Administrators — MCC Drinko Center

11 AM - 1 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11 AM - 1 PM Theta Chi Suitcase Party Ticket Sales — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4:30 PM - 7 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230

5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255

7:30 PM Faculty Organ and Brass Recital — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

October 13, 2004

Jeans Day

11 AM - 1 PM Green Party Voter Information — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11 AM - 1 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4:30 PM - 7 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

4:30 PM Children's Literature Book Discussion: The Tale of Despereaux — Mugsies

5 PM - 8 PM Career Center's Senior Seminar — MCC WItherspoon Rooms

6 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228

7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club Room/Lounge

October 14, 2004

9:30 AM - 3 PM Josten Ring Days — Table Outside Bookstore

11 AM - 1 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Off-Campus Residence Informational Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

4:30 PM - 7 PM ARGO Distribution — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

5:30 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231

6:30 PM Phi Delta Kappa Meeting and Speaker — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium — MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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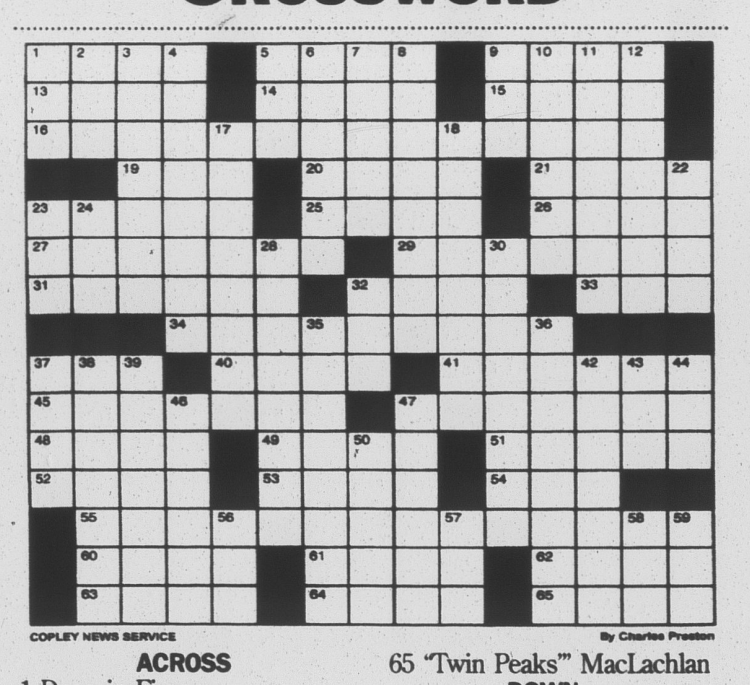

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Togetherness is the key to happiness. Improve the relationships in your life with a willingness to commit and a vow to spend quality time together.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Errors or mistakes during work or labor could be very costly. Take a disciplined approach and follow the instructions from a superior very carefully.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Take time to address your social needs. If you are unhappy with your current circle or group of friends, break free and express your individuality.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You have a tendency to overreact to an emotional situation. Stay calm and think through a domestic-related problem before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Make the most of a very creative and highly communicative cycle. Sign up for a fiction-writing class or a seminar on public speaking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Strive to be practical when designing your budget. Take time to assess your potential income and be aware of your spending habits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Stay centered and seek peace and harmony in your life. Examine your values and make sure that you are being true to your purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Escape from the rat race and allow more time for relaxation and reflection. Make adjustments in your regular routine to support this goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Colleagues or friends will play a major role in your life this week. Smile and share a special camaraderie as you network your way to success

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Professional projects or dealing with the public can be quite challenging. Set up safety boundaries for yourself and others and get the job done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It takes a personal or hands-on approach to deliver an important message accurately. If you are not careful, the true meaning could get lost in translation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Do your best to see through appearances and not to judge a friend on past mistakes. Keep in mind, everyone deserves a second chance.

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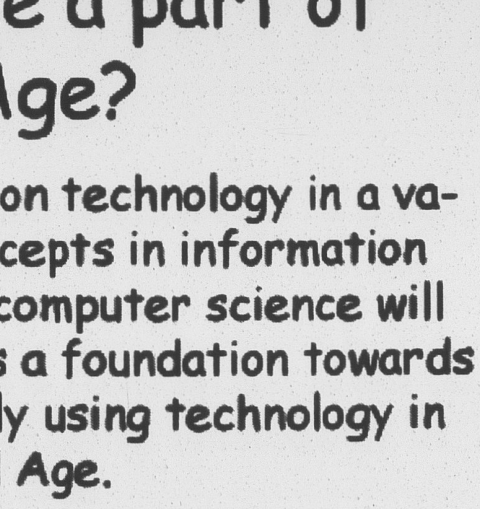

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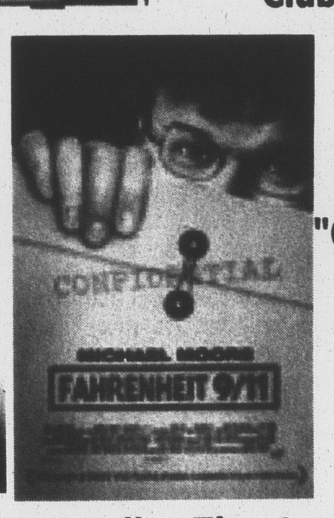

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Nov. 12	College Bowl
Nov. 20	Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 20	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 3	Circle K's sponsors Snowball
Dec. 4	Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling

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Features

Political Pong: Who won the debate?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm a conservative. However, I'm not a stupid or arrogant one. I can admit when I'm wrong, or more importantly, when the leader of my party is. Sure, GOP presidents have made some mistakes: Watergate, Iran-Contra, choosing Dan Quayle as VP, etc (Notice that I didn't put Iraq in there). Admitting when you're wrong can serve as a form of therapy, it's healthy. With that said, it is with a heavy heart that I admit the following: John Kerry won last Thursday's presidential debate, and he did so because my dear George blew it.

The watching public would have seen right through Kerry's smokescreens if you wouldn't have been making those awkward faces.

Now don't expect me to rip down all the Bush/Cheney propaganda from my walls and replace it with pictures of Botox boy and his baby faced sidekick. Bush had the tools, statistics and wit to win that debate. But even star quarterbacks can fumble the ball under pressure, and that's exactly what happened to the president on Thursday.

So let's pretend that Bush can read this article. Mr. President, with all due respect, allow me to explain to you the major mistakes you made and how you could have avoided them.

Mistake 1: Body Language. Granted, this is the most superficial of your mistakes, but it's also the most obvious to the average American. During Senator Kerry's responses, you looked irritated and flustered. During your responses, Senator Kerry looked patient and composed.

I know the Senator's answers were often punches below the belt, but you needed to keep that southern charm. The watching public would have seen right through Kerry's smokescreens if you wouldn't have been making those awkward faces.

Mistake 2: Kerry's voting record on Iraq. If you recall, Kerry went off for about 90 seconds on how the troops in Iraq don't have the armor and weapons they need to win the war.

When it was your turn to respond, you needed to remind him of the fact that he voted down the $87 billion bill to provide the troops with such supplies. That would have been the perfect slap in the face. Unfortunately, you waited to mention this statistic until much later in the debate when it was less relevant and therefore, less effective.

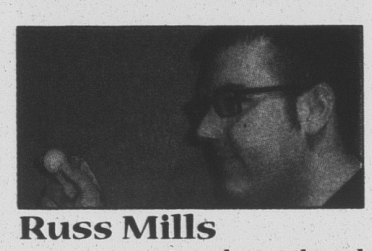
Mistake 3: Poland. Yes, **It is with a heavy heart that I admit the following: John Kerry won last Thursday's presidential debate, and he did so because my dear George blew it.**

George, Poland probably does play a vital role in the fight against terrorism. However, your constant reminder of their part in the war in Iraq was a bit much. I agree with you, we do have a strong alliance, but come on, it's Poland. My right thigh is larger than their army. When it comes to alliances, stay the course with Britain.

I don't want to end this article on such a downer, so I will tell you what you did right. Mr. President, your defense of America's policy with North Korea was flawless. Senator Kerry's selfish proclamation of wanting to keep your policy as well as opening bilateral talks made no sense whatsoever. You also had some great one-liners. Good job George!

The next debate is tonight at 9 p.m. Mr. President, please take my advice into consideration. I have faith that you will once again regain your wits and show Kerry to be the inconsistent politician he really is. May the right be with you.

Jessica Rummel (aka right wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans and is probably going straight to hell.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Round one of three in the presidential debate series was held this past Thursday at the University of Miami and for a change, the Democrats actually won something in Florida. Senator John Kerry handily defeated George W. Bush in the first presidential debate of the season. Now some of you will say that I am only saying this because I am a liberal.

A Newsweek poll indicated that when asked who won the debate, 61 percent said Kerry, 19 percent said Bush and 20 percent said it was a draw. The most damning evidence, however, is that even my conservative friend Jess agrees Kerry won the debate.

Since it would be boring if Jess and I actually agreed that he won, we will look at the content of the debate and well, debate it.

The first half of the debate was a clear win for Kerry; his statements were concise and to the point, whereas Bush took long pauses and looked unsure of himself.

I feel Bush's advisors tried too hard to pound certain catch phrases for him to repeat. The second half of the debate was more even, but I still think Kerry prevailed.

I feel Senator Kerry accomplished three main goals in the debate. First, he addressed his so-called "flip-flopping" on positions. Second, he highlighted his military service and through that also highlighted Bush's military disservice. Third, he made Bush look confused and unsure of his own Iraq policy.

Kerry addressed his "flip-flopping" when Bush identified his lack of certainty as a character flaw.

"It's one thing to be certain, but you can be certain and be wrong." Kerry was referring to the president's inability to see that going into Iraq was a mistake, and I thought this was a wonderful point.

Kerry used his military service as a positive for him throughout the debate. He said if he were Commander-in-Chief he would have built a broader coalition to go to war with. Kerry applauded Bush's father, George H.W. Bush for building broad coalition before he launched the first Gulf war.

He criticized the president for not using the sympathy for the U.S. following 9/11 to build a coalition and goodwill for the United States throughout the world. Kerry claimed that on the day that the U.S. only had Great Britain and Australia in the coalition.

The president responded (his quickest response of the night) that Kerry had omitted Poland.

Poland? Now I know that there is nothing more important going on in the country (economy, over 1000 troops dead, North Korea, etc) but I think the president could think of something more important than Poland.

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The third thing that Kerry accomplished was that he made Bush look confused. Bush paused sometimes up to 10 seconds before answering each question posed to him.

Also, a defining feature of every Bush response to a question was the statement, "It is not easy making the decisions that a president makes, and it is hard work."

I counted each time he said the phrase "hard work" throughout the movie and the grand total was 11 times. Bush's advisors must have pounded that phrase into his head beforehand and it made him look unsure and weak when it was his only response to all of Kerry's arguments.

To conclude Kerry is off to a good start in the debate season and I expect that to continue.

However, it is like Ben Affleck said on Saturday while playing political analysis James Carville on Saturday Night Live, "Beating Bush in a debate is like Wilt Chamberlain beating Stephen Hawking at basketball, it's really nothing to be proud of."

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching Woodstock reruns while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple Computer and drinking Starbucks.

Bill's Sandwich Shop puts Subway to shame with variety and quality

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

During your time here at Westminster, it is impossible to avoid the occasional, if not habitual, trips to Subway. At first the pilgrimage to one of the few fast food chains in the immediate surrounding area seems very rewarding. I mean, who wouldn't worship a foot-long steak n' cheese sub that was not supplied by our good old friend Sodexho? However, as you become a veteran of this college, the appeal and glamour of Subway fades away fast, and with every trip you begin to wonder if a pen to the jugular would be more fulfilling. Many of you are probably thinking that the solution to the problem of getting your weekly requirement of sandwich can be found at Sheetz. While this is a common alternative, I offer you another more unique experience: Bill's Sandwich Shop.

As the name implies, Bill's Sandwich Shop is the local area's one-stop-shop for specialty sandwiches. They offer a variety of sandwiches ranging from gyros on pita bread to Italian sausage to your common turkey sandwich. If sandwiches and subs are not up your alley, perhaps you would be interested in trying one of their specialty salads or side items. For those of you who are die hard MTO fans (that stands for Made To Order) don't cross off Bill's Sandwich Shop just yet because they also offer an item on their menu similar to the MTO concept, except you can select as many types of meats and toppings as you would like for only $7.25!

Another great reason to eat at Bill's Sandwich Shop is due to the fact that they having a dining room. Sometimes it's nice to just sit around and chat with your friends over a sandwich instead of eating on the run. However, if you can not fight the urge to recklessly drive while cramming a sub down your throat, I have some more good news. Bill's offers a convenient drive-through window! What more could you ask for than the convenience of not having to get out of your car to have your freshly made sub handed to you?

Now I do have to admit that there is one drawback to Bill's Sandwich Shop: the employees. It is not that they are scary or incompetent, but it's more the fact that they are a bunch of high school kids. It might be just me, but when I go out to eat I don't expect to be served up a dish of attitude with a side order of disrespect from some snot-nosed nonconformist punk. Aside from the attitudinal barriers they do make a wickedly awesome sub.

If for no other reason, pay Bill's a visit to try some of the sexiest cheese sauce in the nation.

Finally, if none of these arguments have convinced you to give Bill's Sandwich Shop a chance then I shall appeal to your rational side of reasoning, cheese sauce. Now last week I was premature in my column to name Arby's the champion of cheese sauce across the nation, because I had not experienced Bill's cheese sauce. All I can say is that the cheese sauce offered by Bill's is reminiscent of a cheese sauce you would find on a Boardwalk, except Bill's is kicked up a notch of love and extra cheddar. If for no other reason, pay Bill's Sandwich Shop a visit to try some of the sexiest cheese sauce in the nation.

I am confident that if you give Bill's a chance you will be surprisingly happy with the outcome and the extra money in your pocket. It is for all of these reasons and many more that I give Bill's Sandwich Shop a 3 ¼ Twinkie out of 4 Twinkies. Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and cofounder of the Fatty Club.

It may not be raining, but wear a poncho!

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

I am not a fashion guru. And I am in no way claiming to be. However, the current fall fashions have inspired me to pick up my pen in protest. (I want to point out that as I am writing this I am sporting attire that would have producers of makeover shows breaking down my door. Still, I encourage you to read on about my fashion policing.)

First fashion overkill: ponchos. But why would one need rain gear? Well friends, a poncho is no longer just a rain blocker; it is apparently a style necessity.

To clarify, a poncho is basically a shawl, usually with some unfortunate fringe. If you aren't careful, you might mistakenly enjoy these woven shoulder-coverings. They had potential. Avid Newlywed watchers might recall that Jessica Simpson was wearing ponchos two years ago. But the fad has finally reached mall retail stores, a clear sign that it is dead.

Another Hollywood style car wreck has reached our non-celebrity selves: furry boots (Ugg boots to be exact). Does everyone remember moon boots? Well, that is an Ugg boot, only in suede instead of puffy synthetics. They are most likely named 'Ugg' because of the sound passers by mutter when viewing the fur-lined footwear. Many shoe companies have produced convincing knock-offs, allowing more and more kids to invest in the tragic trend.

But perhaps the most heinous of fashions is the tiny, I paid fifty dollars for less than a yard of fabric, skirt. Yes, the mini skirt is back in full force, and this time it is pleated. Therefore, the aforementioned skirt juts out from the posterior and leaves little to the imagination. Strolling through campus, one cannot ignore the large amount of leg exposure this craze has caused.

Animosity towards these miniature bottoms is growing. I overheard one displeasured student growl, "If I see one more ruffle skirt, I will stab out my eyes!" Mmm… stab inducing outfits…

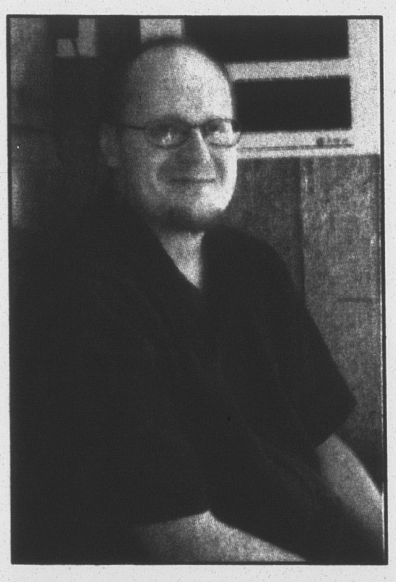
What I have not covered is men's fashions. Well, I just do not have much to say about it. Basically, men wear the same things year after year. Male style trends also come and go, but guys can clothe themselves in anything and get away with it.

Isn't that disheartening ladies? We often spend hundreds of dollars trying to look fabulous from year to year. Guys can put on a sweater with an embroidered dear from grandma and look fine. Sigh.

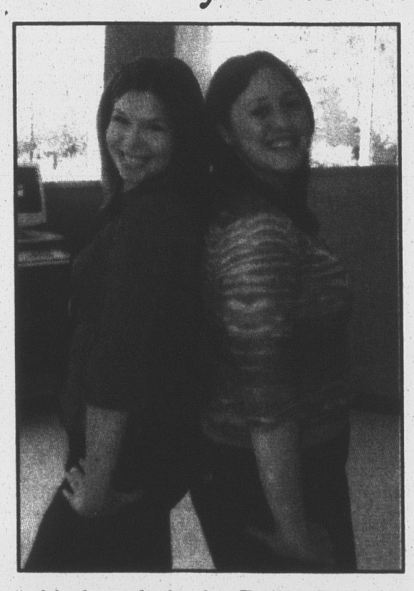
I think I have had my fill of fashion bashing for the day. In all reality, I will most likely jump on these style bandwagons sooner or later. After all, I did see a cute, ruffled skirt the other day. And I know that nothing says classy quite like exposed upper thigh! Pardon me while I shop online.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

The Holcad asks: You know a fashion trend is dead when...



"...the women at Wal-Mart wear it over their oversize Tweety t-shirts."
- Dr. Pete Smith, chemistry



"...it's for sale in the Dollar Store."
- Sarah Timm, sophomore

"...you see your mom wearing it!"
- Amy Gregg, sophomore

"...people start wearing the same clothes, on the same day, to the same class."
- A.J. Fikejs, freshman

"...your grandma can tell you what it is."- Charlie Judge, sophomore

"...your younger sibling starts wearing it."- Abby Seymour, junior

"...you see it at the Salvation Army."- Andrew Miller, freshman

"...you and your professor are wearing the same outfit."- Katie Huber, junior

"...your parents start buying the same clothes for themselves."- T.J. Spencer, senior

"...your mom is wearing it!"- Kayla Pursifull and Kettie Matheny, juniors

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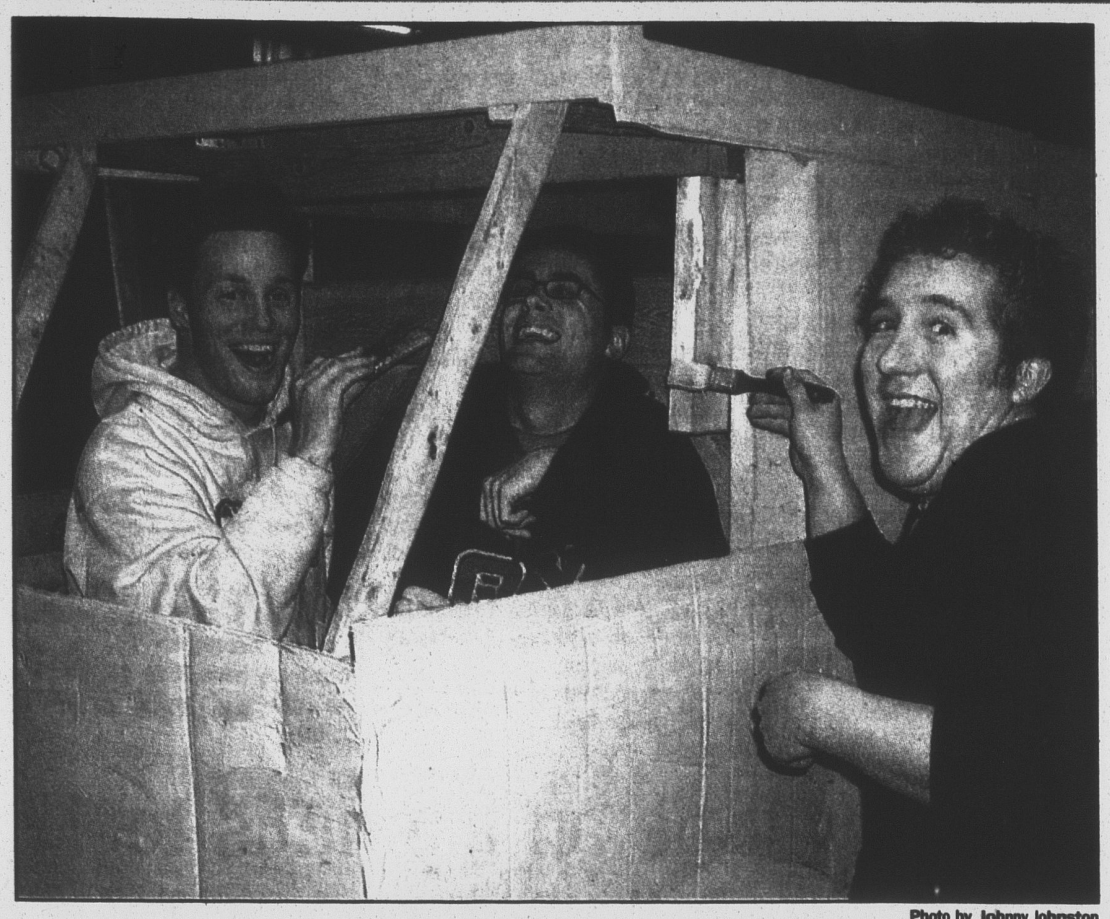

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Theta Chi brothers Tom Burkhart, Pat Sandora and Rich Marmura have fun while working on their Scooby Doo themed homecoming float. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Don't rain on our parade

By Sherri Slafka
Campus Writer

This weekend calls for a parade, a football game and a chance of rain.

Students and alumni are hoping that the downpours will hold off for Saturday's homecoming events so the campus can take full advantage of the outside activities.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are packed with games and picnics, but there's another side to homecoming students may overlook: the extensive amount of alumni activities.

"Accomplishments of our alumni are interesting and varied," said director of alumni affairs Mary James. "They are an impressive part of homecoming."

Events like the Citation Celebration Dinner on Friday and the Reunion Celebration Luncheon on Saturday recognize and celebrate some of our distinguished alumni.

Another part of homecoming that brings the alumni and current students together is the parade on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. on Market Street. "Alumni love to come back and see the parade," said James.

In reference to the homecoming celebration, James said "Student involvement is key." In order to better facilitate this better, this year the students in the homecoming court will be introduced differently.

"Usually they have a pep rally on Friday evening, but this year we're having 'Come Meet the Court' in the McKelvey Center following the powder puff football game at about 5:15 p.m.," said Junior Panhellenic Council member Laura Jones, who is also on the court representing her sorority Zeta Tau Alpha. The SGA Powder Puff game begins at 3 p.m. on the quad.

Other highlights of the weekend include the Titan pregame on Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by the kick off against the Bethany Bison at 1:30 p.m.

That same evening, a women's soccer game at Wilmington Greyhound Stadium begins at 5 p.m., and the men follow at 7 p.m.

This homecoming weekend, remember that "the whole point is to get folks back here and reconnected with the campus," said James.

Political film elicts mixed reactions

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

Fahrenheit 9-11, the new controversial film by Michael Moore, was featured in the campus theatre this past weekend. The film inspires debates about our current president as well as debates about the United States government.

Fahrenheit 9-11 is a highly political movie that explores the actions of the government over the past four years. The film starts with the problems in the election of 2000 and chronicles George W. Bush's career as a president. After that, the focus switches to the war in Iraq. The film is extremely anti-president Bush and many people on campus accuse the film of being unfair and biased.

"It's nice that he's bringing back the documentary genre, but he's still a director. He made the movie from one viewpoint in order to stress his own opinion," junior Lauren Beichner said.

About 200 students saw Fahrenheit 9-11 this weekend. Reactions to the film are varied from people who think the movie was a lie and people who are now going to vote for Senator John Kerry. For some people, Moore's film has proven to be reliable. Moore backs up some of the facts in his movie on the website www.michaelmoore.com.

"Fahrenheit 9-11, while being largely biased by Michael Moore, is full of facts that are proven to be from reliable sources. So I think people should form their own opinions based on these facts," junior Ben Mentzer said.

Of course, there are people who believe the movie is a

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Photo by Megan Sigler

Who needs a library?

Junior Jimmy Connell and sophomore Sherri Breitigan use brightly colored foliage as a study lounge while they read under the vivid orange tree in front of the McKelvey student center. " I love the fall.-It's the best time to enjoy being outside before it gets too cold," Breitigan said.

Jeans Day stresses wearing denim for diversity

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer

Diversity was the main theme on Jeans Day, held Wednesday, October 13, by the Allies, the gay-straight alliance on campus. Students wore jeans in support of the acceptance of diversity throughout campus.

"Jeans Day is our way of celebrating diversity on campus," said Sara Kimbell, student advisor of Allies. Although Jeans Day was Wednesday, the festivities kicked off on Monday with an information booth featured in McKelvey Campus Center. The information booth provided answers to any questions regarding Jeans Day and the Allies Organization. It also served to "dispel any myths that participating in this day may cause," added Kimbell.

The day was considered a celebration of diversity and was commemorated with a luncheon at 11:45. At this luncheon, those involved with Allies and Jeans Day gathered to hear faculty members speak on diversity. Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett and Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman addressed the audience. Jeans Day came to a close with a poetry slam, where Allies members encouraged students to come and share their Jeans Day experience and present any poetry or readings.

Tom Oyer, president of Allies, considered this year's Jeans Day a success: "Our goal with Jeans Day is to get people to be more open minded and aware of diversity around them." Jeans were chosen because wearing them is an everyday occurrence. People wear them without thinking about it. The Allies organization hopes people will automatically accept diversity in the same way.

Despite some hate-chalking during past Jeans Days, this event meets little controversy. Students agreed that it is important to accept people for who they are.

"I think Jeans Day is a casual, but effective way of letting people know the importance of diversity," said sophomore Heather Gurgiolo.

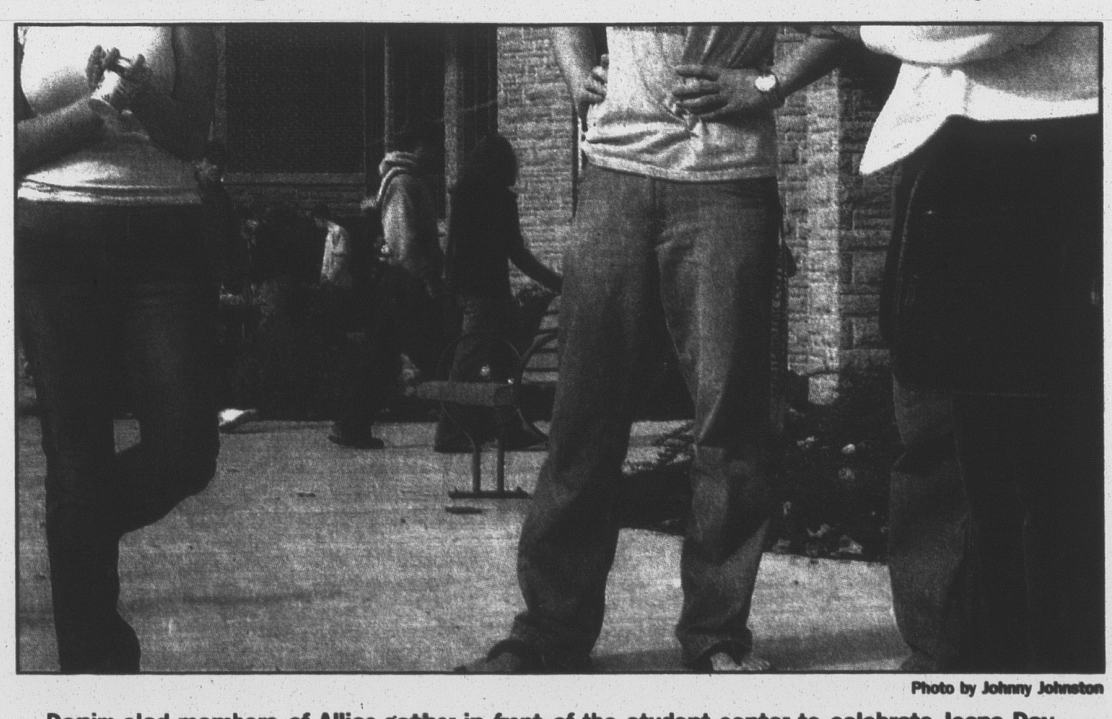

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Denim-clad members of Allies gather in front of the student center to celebrate Jeans Day.

Oyer agreed. "I am very proud to be participating in jeans day. This campus can be apathetic to the differences in people and I like to make people think of these issues in a new way."

Although Jeans Day is over, Allies will continue to promote diversity on campus throughout the year. They invite everyone to join them at meetings to discuss diversity and acceptance issues with other students and faculty members.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

For every sprinkle I find, I shall kill you.

You just got a chub, didn't you?

It looks like a third grader's "My First Web site" project.

Why do more people hate Bush than hate his administration?

Don't eat her. She's not a chicken, she doesn't have wings.

Did you hear President Bush sat he admires Senator Kerry's military service? Bush never questioned Kerry's military record.

Grrr at Alfred Hitchcock!

Tolerate my intolerance!

There is music other than rap to play at parties.

The banner on the Web site makes us feel like we're on the Partridge Family bus.

I find TV to be very educating. Everytim it is turned on, I leave the room to pick up a book.

Do the Hustle!

Why is it when a fraternity or sorority does something good, it is ignored?

Where's the rant and rave box?

The new Web site says, "at Westminster, se hablas espaňol!"

Hey, we got undercover security! Wow!

Westminster pick-up line:
Hey baby, if you 'rant' me,
I'll 'rave' you
like you never been raved before.

Chuck Heston will always be my president.

Stop giggling.

Hurray for Oasis.

You can't stop what you can't end.

Utinam adesses.

When I respawn, you are soooo dead.

Way to go, Sparks, you broke the monitor and you're dead. Happy?

Omnipotence. Gotta get me some of that.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

You know you're WC alumni when...

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

Ah, homecoming. The time of year when our campus overflows with faces from Westminster's past. Whether they are of grandparents reminiscing about the good old times they'll never forget from years back or of sorority sisters reminiscing about the parties they never remembered from last year's Reading Day, these fine people all have one thing in common.

What is this one thing, you may ask? That they are all still paying off enough loans that could feed the hungry children of Africa? Perhaps. But that is not what I'm here to write about this week. I am referring, rather, to the special bond that only alumni of our college share.

Love it or hate it, Westminster has inbred a piece of itself into all of you, forever leaving us with a distorted view of reality that no one but a fellow Westminster grad could ever understand.

"But Megan," you may say to yourself. "I thought all colleges practiced the same odd rules and rituals as we do. Are you saying that Westminster is not (gasp) like all the other schools?"

Oh, poor sheltered reader. I expected that response. Which is why I have prepared this convenient little list for students and alumni to test themselves on how much they have been separated from the real world. Or, for lack of a proper term, "Westminsterized."

So in the spirit of all things homecoming, I present to you: "You know you're Westminster alumni when…"

1.) On the first day of your new job, you ask all of your coworkers to sit in a large circle to introduce themselves and share warm and fuzzy feelings about their "first-day jitters." You're then confused when all of your managers are not wearing cute matching shirts.

2.) You are accustomed to parking as far as possible from your house. Even though you have a nice big driveway, you cannot help but feel that it is a prohibited space and that anyone who parks there will be fined.

3.) You come to work equipped with heavy machinery, decoding devices and an ordained priest to get your computer installed. When your computer works the first time you plug it in, you shed tears of joy and jump up and down in disbelief, reminiscent to the people in the obnoxious Old Navy commercials. You vow never to unplug your computer again.

4.) You try to use your Titan card to pay for everything and do not understand why public vending machines don't have a slot for you to slide your card through.

5.) Upon the birth of your first child, you feel compelled to chalk the announcement on the sidewalks of your neighborhood. "My baby rocks! Love, mommy." You then return your chalk to the small children next door and ignore the strange looks from their parents.

6.) At home, you feel obligated to escort your spouse everywhere he or she goes. You always wait outside the bathroom until they are finished so you can walk them back upstairs.

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7.) After hosting a party, you feverishly throw all your guests out of your house at midnight and ask them to disguise their alcohol in book bags.

8.) You see little golf carts whizzing by you as you walk down the street and you think this is normal. (Editor's note: This event will never actually happen at any other place besides Westminster campus, but if it did, you would remain unfazed.)

9.) You feel lost without the sound of chimes constantly ringing in your ear. How are you supposed to know what time it is or if you're late to work?

10.) You say hi to every single person you see and are offended when they do not respond.

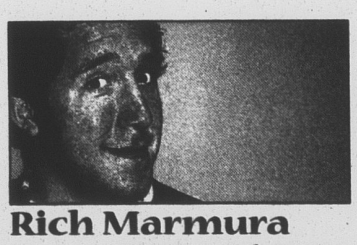
11.) You refer to starting employees at work as "first-years," because that is the politically correct term. You would not want to offend them by calling them something derogatory, such as "new."

12.) You use Sodexho as a swear word.

13.) Every Friday, you pack your suitcase and leave your house. You do not return until 11:55 on Sunday night.

Megan Sigler is a senior PR major. She is only the Editor-in-Chief of the Holcad because she is certifiably insane and because she likes to use her position as a pick up line at parties.

Don't ignore me, someday I will be an alumnus too!



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

As alumni fill our hallowed campus this homecoming weekend, I can't help but think that I will be in their place next year. After graduation in May, I will gain alumni status. I will receive phone calls requesting that I send money to the school. I may even actually read Westminster Magazine as a source of campus happenings to keep up with what my money is going toward.

As alumni of the college, we should care about these sorts of things. But the scary question is, will we?

Westminster can build a stronger alumni base by paying better attention to our current students, who will eventually become alumni. And while I understand that the college works very hard in creating student satisfaction, it has a very tough time producing viable results.

What are the three main problems that students have complained about every year since I got here? 1. The Food 2. Parking 3. Housing

And what real progress have we made on any of these fronts? Food prices continue to rise while the college twiddles its thumbs and hopes no one notices. The parking continues to be horrendous on campus. Dorms and housing continue to be a terribly unfair and antiquated system.

I understand that there are no easy solutions, however, the administration must understand that students have a negative view of these situations, especially when they see few results.

Perhaps one of the problems with Westminster, and all colleges and universities, is how we analyze ourselves. Like the alumni who compare the present day college to when they were here, the college constantly compares itself to other institutions.

And while I certainly understand that we need to use other institutions as benchmarks, it is my opinion that we rely too heavily on these benchmarks.

We so often hear about how we rank against other schools in testing and satisfaction, and while I appreciate this information, it still doesn't change the fact that the food is still bad; parking still sucks and the housing situation is still inadequate. I personally don't care about how Grove City is handling these situations, I care about Westminster and how it handles these situations.

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We make sure our statistics and rankings are high so we have nice little sound bytes to sell to perspective students and we then sell the same ones back to alumni.

Where do current students fall in this plan? Westminster needs to stop worrying about how we compare and how we rank and just provide a quality education, at an affordable price with the current student as its core concern.

Let us not find benchmarks to compare ourselves to, but rather become the benchmarks that others look to. Let us lead the pack, not follow along and accept "average" and "satisfactory" as victories.

In the end, the alumni of this college have an invested interest in the institution just as we as current students have a financial and educational interest in Westminster. It is the responsibility of all to fight the right battles at the right time for the good of all students past and present. For if we do work at this together, Mother Fair Westminster will be around for another 150 years.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theatre. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

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Students In Free Enterprise is seeking recognition from the College as a student organization. The mission of SIFE shall be to provide members the best opportunity to make a difference in the community and college. To develop leadership, teamwork and communications skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise, through a focus on finance, global markets, entrepreneurship, and ethics.

Westminster History Interest Group is seeking to be recognized again on the college campus (they disbanded in 1994). There purpose to gain and enhance knowledge of History for all those interested. There goal is to have journal that will encourage scholarly research among undergraduates, to foster learning in regards to the journal process, and to open an inter-campus academic dialogue in a field which crosses all majors.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is seeking recognition from the College as a student organization. There purpose is to promote the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, provide a learning and competitive environment and to promote a team atmosphere. This club sport is open to men and women.

Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs by Nov. 1, 2004.

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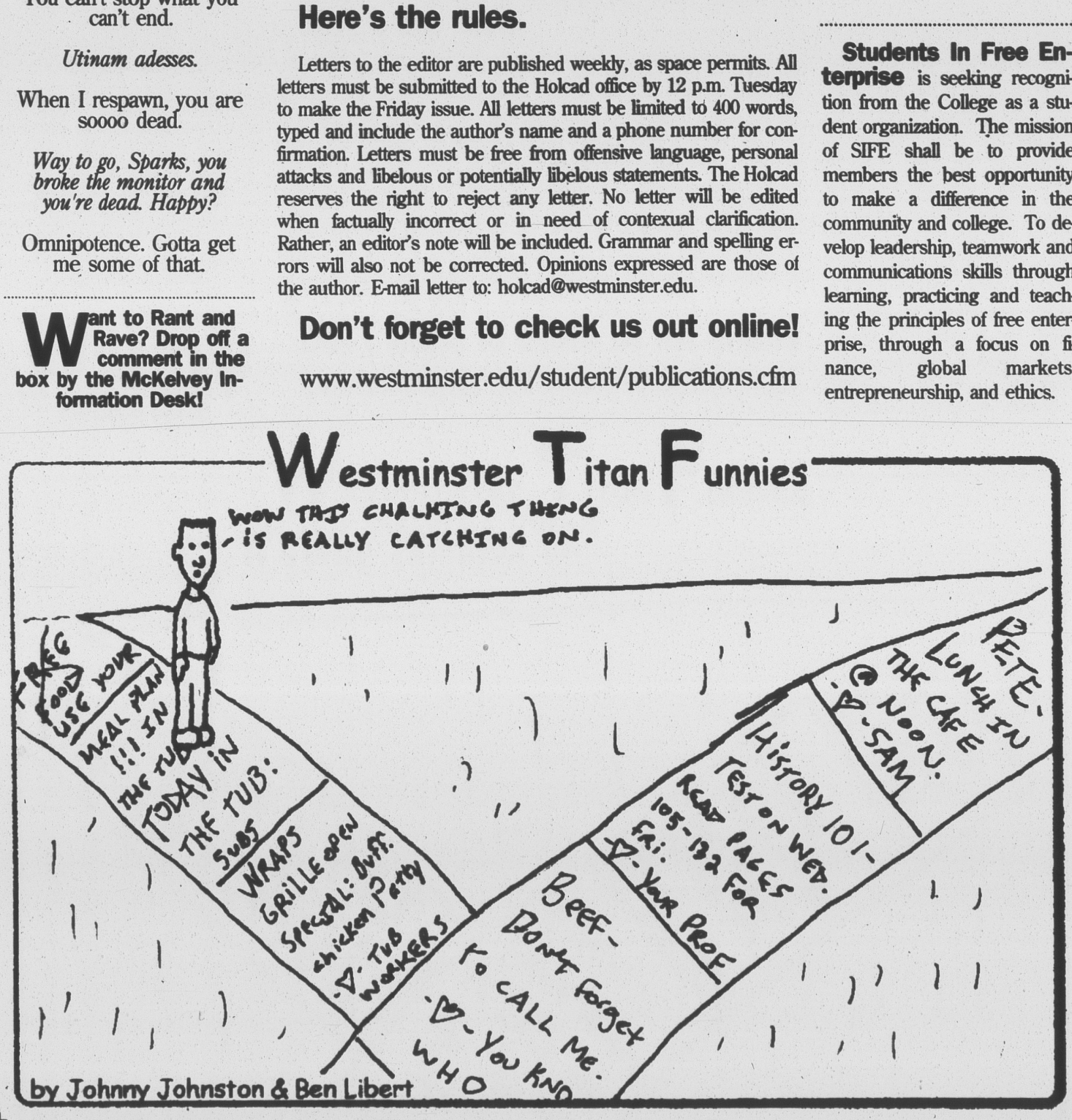

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Off Campus

Christian student group sues Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - An evangelical student group sued Penn State University and university president Graham B. Spanier, claiming the school's policies could force the group to accept non-Christian or homosexual students into leadership positions.

A lawsuit on behalf of DiscipleMakers was recorded in the U.S. District Court in Harrisburg on Tuesday, said Tim Tracey, an attorney for the Center for Law and Religious Freedom, which is representing DiscipleMakers.

DiscipleMakers has 40 to 60 student members and has been meeting since the beginning of the fall semester, Tracey said. He said university policy requires that all student groups agree to abide by the school's nondiscrimination policy, which includes religion and sexual orientation.

Although Tracey said all students are welcome to join and participate in DiscipleMakers, the group believes its leaders should adhere to the group's religious beliefs.

"They really want their officers and leaders to be people who agree with their statement of faith and who can support the organization's cause. They feel like, 'Well we really do discriminate on the basis of religious creed because we require our officers to agree to a specific creed,'" Tracey said. "Included in that, they believe that the Bible prohibits sexual conduct between persons of the same sex, so they feel like they have to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation as well."

Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, the university e-mailed a statement to students disputing DiscipleMakers' claims, saying: "Penn State has not intervened in the officer selection process for any student group in the past, and has no intention to do so."

"They are interpreting our policies differently than we interpret them and different than we enforce them," Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon said. He said university officials told DiscipleMakers last week that it would not interfere with the selection of officers.But Tracey said the university's assurance wasn't enough. He said policy itself should be changed.

"The university's response so far has kind of been, 'Trust us, it won't be a problem,' but they've been unwilling to make an expressed exemption," Tracey said.

National

Eighty-five nations endorse U.N. population agenda, rejected by Bush

By Edith Lederer
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS - Eighty-five heads of state and government have signed a statement endorsing a U.N. plan adopted 10 years ago to ensure every woman's right to education, health care, and to make choices about childbearing. President Bush's administration refused to sign because the statement mentions "sexual rights."

A decade after the landmark International Conference on Population and Development, the statement signed by more than 250 global leaders in all fields was handed Wednesday to Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette by media mogul Ted Turner, who founded and funds the United Nations Foundations.

Frechette called it "a brilliant idea" that will renew the commitment of governments and leaders to achieve the goals that 179 nations agreed to in Cairo.

The United States was a strong supporter of the Cairo plan of action. Former Colorado senator Tim Wirth, who was a key player in drafting the 20-year Cairo blueprint as a top official on the U.S. delegation, helped spearhead the global statement in his current job as president of the U.N. Foundation.

The statement notes that in 1994 "the world's governments and civil society committed to an action plan to ensure universal access to reproductive health information and services, uphold fundamental human rights including sexual and reproductive rights, alleviate poverty, secure gender equality, and protect the environment."

While progress has been made, the statement says the world is facing an exponential increase in HIV/AIDS, a growing gap between rich and poor, persistently high death rates related to pregnancy and childbirth, and inadequate access to family planning services. It calls on the international community to fund and implement the goals of the conference, known as the ICPD.

Wirth noted that 134 million couples who want family planning services don't have access to them and there is an average of just three condoms per year available to men in sub-Saharan Africa _ "a very, very significant shortfall."

The statement was signed by leaders of 85 nations including the entire European Union, China, Japan, Indonesia, Pakistan and more than a dozen African countries as well as 22 former world leaders, notably U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. The Bush administration responded only on Tuesday to organizers who had asked for the president's support.

In a letter to organizers of the statement, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Kelly Ryan reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to "the goals and objectives" of the Cairo conference and "to the empowerment of women and the need to promote women's fullest enjoyment of universal human rights."

"The United States is unable, however, to endorse the 'world leaders' statement on supporting the ICPD," Ryan said. "The statement includes the concept of 'sexual rights,' a term that has no agreed definition in the international community, goes beyond what was agreed to at Cairo.

Sexual rights were specifically mentioned a year later, however, in the platform of action adopted by over 180 countries including the United States.

Bush has blocked $34 million in congressionally approved annual assistance to the Population Fund, alleging that the U.N. agency helped China manage programs that involved forced abortions, a charge it calls baseless.

Foreign TAs face speech barriers

By Carla Napolitano
Ohio State University Writer

Although Ohio State has established strict English-speaking requirements for international teaching assistants, some students are still complaining that the English spoken by the assistants is not as good as it needs to be.

"I feel lost in the class. Sometimes I look around the room to see if people are as lost as I am," said Jenn Ryan, a senior in psychology.

Ryan said that her teacher's poor English skills are causing the confusion, but she can't drop the class because she needs it for her major.

In 1986, OSU implemented a plan that would "ensure that teaching assistants who are not orally proficient in the English language (shall) attain such proficiency prior to providing classroom instruction to students," as stated in "The Graduate Student Voice."

Before this law, OSU had received many complaints from students, parents and alumni, but "last year I only received four complaints," said Susan Sarwark, director of OSU's Spoken English program.

A lot of the complaints she receives are because of cultural differences between students and teachers, she said. Sarwark explained one complaint she received concerned an international teaching assistant who would not answer students' questions.

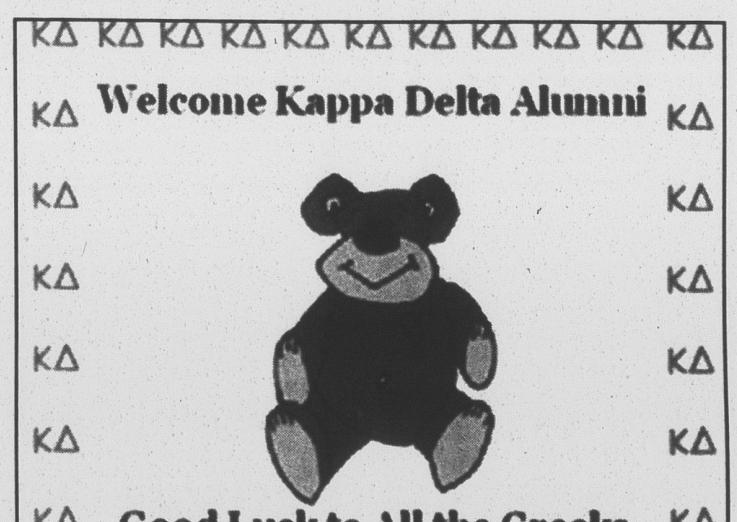
In some cultures, students do not ask questions in the classroom because it is considered disrespectful to the teacher, whereas in the United States asking questions is part of the educational system.

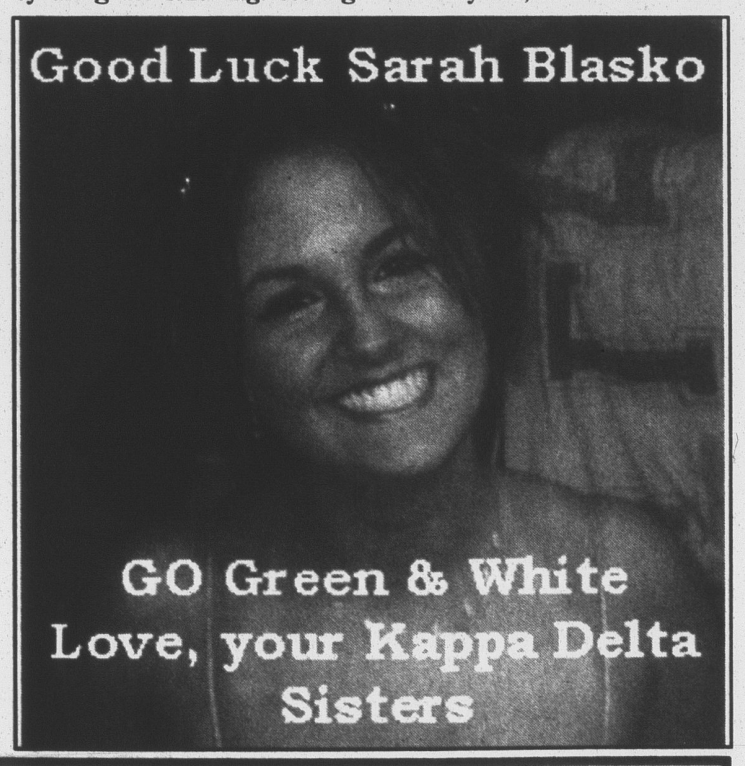
Sarwark assures that all complaints are analyzed and, if need be, corrected. A prospective international teaching assistant can be certified to teach at OSU by doing the following: scoring 230 (out of 300) or better on the Test of Spoken English or SPEAK test and by passing a mock-teaching test on an assignment topic on their discipline.

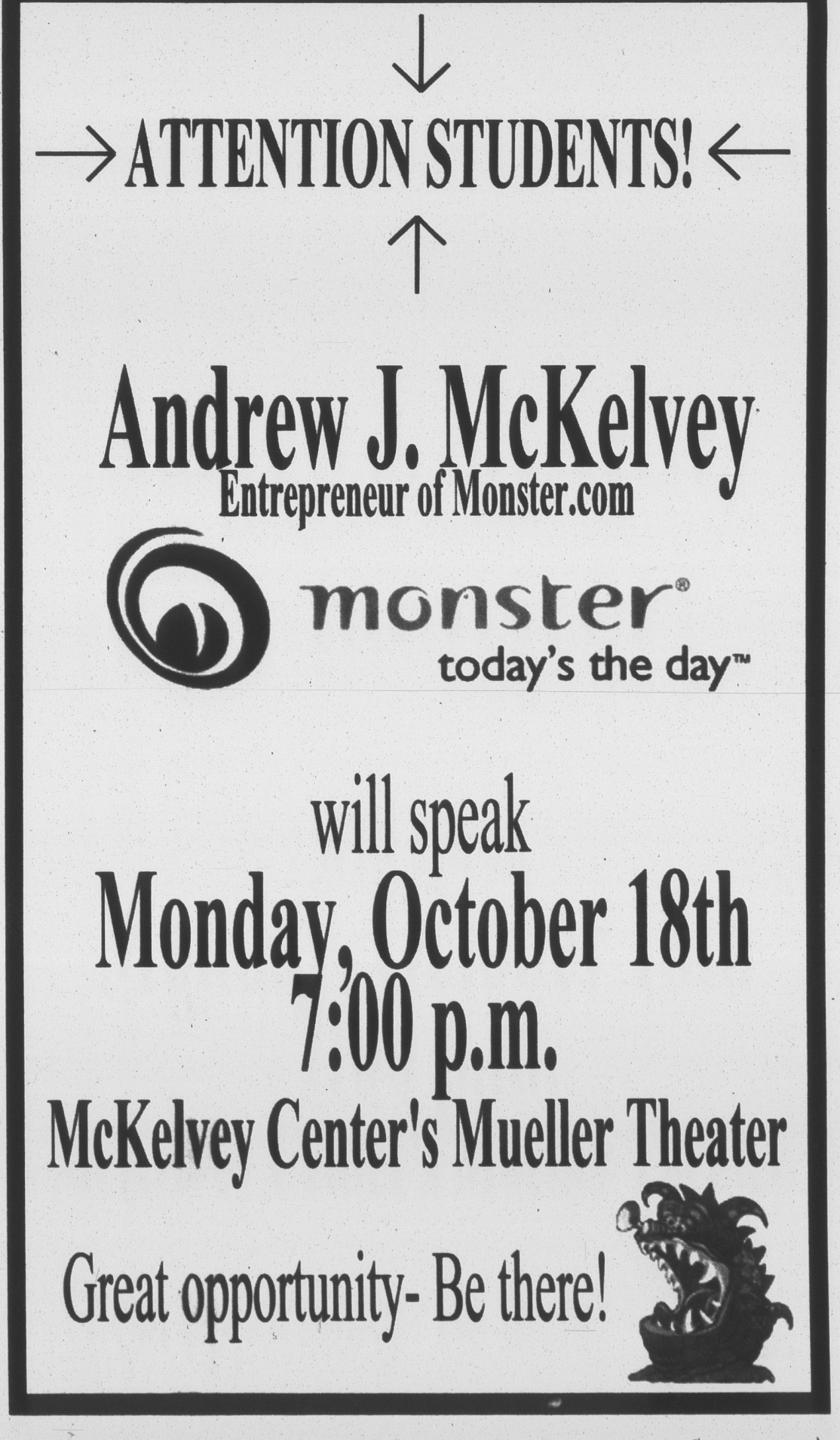
The teaching performance is viewed by a panel of judges, consisting of faculty and English as Second Language professionals, who rate the student's ability to communicate in the classroom. The students are video-taped during the presentation and the tapes are filed for six years, in case of a complaint.

If a prospective international teaching assistant does not pass the tests, they are required to take classes.

"Most of these students read and write (in English) better than freshman - they may not speak so well," Sarwark said.







Arts & Entertainment

Movie marathon magic

Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

If you haven't caught on yet, it's homecoming weekend. (We really like to drive home points here at the Holcad.) For those of you out there that prefer to hide in your room from the Crazy Alumni Club all weekend, playing endless games of Mahjong solitaire just won't cut it.

What other choices does one have when hiding in their room for 48 hours from floats, crowns of baby's breath and tailgaters? Like you have to ask!

In the spirit of homecoming, and simplicity, I am proud to give you a multitude of different ways to create a quality movie marathon this weekend, or any other weekend, for that matter. You can thank me later.

Now, the three main movies that are forthcoming are a movie marathon unto themselves. They represent, in my opinion, some of the best stuff from the past year or so that is currently available to rent or own. If I could, I'd push a additional collection - my top three movies of the summer (Spider-Man 2, The Bourne Supremacy, and Garden State), but none of those are at Iggle Video just yet. Instead, you can run with these.

1. Big Fish, directed by Tim Burton. This one was in theaters last December and has been on DVD for a while. I like this movie for a few reasons. One, the cast. You've got Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney, Jessica Lange, Allison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Helena Bonham Carter, and your friend and mine, Steve Buscemi.

Two, Burton has established himself as the master of making films absolutely beautiful. He does amazing things with color, light contrast, and camera movement in this movie.

And, finally, the story: this is a true fairy tale every sense. We follow a young man who is trying to learn the true stories of his father, a man prone to myth over fact. And these myths are a big, bold, and, well for lack of a better word, magical.

So, where can you go from this movie? Well, two ways, actually. One is the obvious Tim Burton-fest, with his other two fairy tale-esque films: Edward Scissorhands and The Nightmare before Christmas. These 'darker' movies are a great contrast to the colorful Big Fish.

The second marathon sticks with the fairy tale theme, as well. I'd suggest Chocolat and Amelie. They're both just sweet movies that you can't help but just smile afterwards.

2. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, directed by Michael Gondry and starring Jim Carrey and the highly underrated Kate Winslet. The story to this movie is a little complicated, but if you can handle keeping track of characters and little details, you'll be set.

I actually liked Jim Carrey in this movie, and I usually don't. He's a lot softer here and almost begs for sympathy.

Like Big Fish, Eternal Sunshine (the title is based on a line from a poem by Alexander Pope called "Eloisa to Abelard") is a movie destined to be studied in a film classes for its imagery and unique plot design.

You could go the obvious route of choosing movies starring Jim Carrey that aren't comedies (The Truman Show, Man in the Moon, The Majestic), but I'd be doing you all an injustice if I didn't point you in the direction of the movie's screenwriter, Charlie Kaufman.

He's the guy behind Adaptation and Being John Malkovich, both wildly unique films. Kaufman's scripts give the casts of the movies a chance to go nuts and usually come out with brilliant performances. Just look at Cameron Diaz in Being John Malkovich - you almost forget that this is the same girl whose current claim to fame is shaking her rear in Charlie's Angels.

3. Saved!, directed by Brian Dannelly, and starring Jena Malone, Mandy Moore, Eva Amurri, Patrick Fugit, and Macaulay Culkin. This just came out on DVD, after a rather limited release this summer. This movie is just funny. You've seen the previews. You know what I'm talking about.

So, where to go from this? Unconventional teen movies? Mandy Moore marathon? No, silly rabbits.

If you're going to do an actor-based marathon, please go with Patrick Fugit - Almost Famous and White Oleander. He's another underappreciated young actor who has done some great movies. Okay, White Oleander is melodramatic, but that's okay. And it loosely connects back to Big Fish, through Allison Lohman. It's like six-degrees of, uh, everything.

As always, you can just toss these suggestions out the window and grab whatever looks good. Now, wasn't this better than excerpts from my capstone paper? I thought so.

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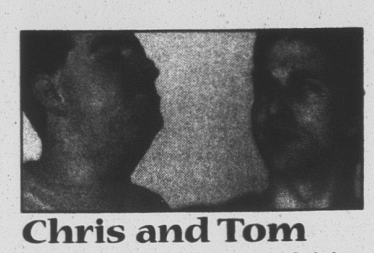
Friday Night Lights film fumbles on the carry



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

With Shark Tale somehow still the top draw at the box office, we were left to look at number two this week. Coming in at number two, surprisingly, was the latest high school football drama Friday Night Lights. From Peter Berg, the director of last year's awesome The Rundown, Friday Night Lights delivers a completely different experience. The Rock isn't clothes-lining any baddies here. Instead Billy Bob Thornton is guiding youths to State Championship glory.

The movie is the focus of the Permian High Panthers season in 1988. Head coach Gary Gaines (Thornton) must lead the bunch to glory. Trouble is most people expect them to win. They're not fighting to get to the top- just to stay there. With seniors like Brian Chavez (Jay Hernadez), "Boobie" Miles (Derek Luke), Don Billingsley (Garrett Hedlund), and QB Mike Winchell (Lucas Black), he's almost certain victory.

When the star of the team, Boobie, injures his leg in the first game, the team begins to fall apart and they must fight to realize that they are a unit, not just the followers of the great and powerful Boobie.

It should be noted here that this is a based on a true story, so how this person thought he was going to be able to make it to the Monday night lights being called Boobie all the time is amazing.

Could you imagine John Madden saying, "And when we saw Boobie hit the field the people went crazy. Boom!" Of course they did. Maybe this little side tangent is a good point to make though.

The direction in this movie is what really holds it back. The camera is no more than 2 inches away from someone's face for about 95% of the film.

The only time we really move away is during the football scenes, but since a spectator is normally very far away then, it is still uncomfortably close.

The viewer becomes desensitized to the camera effect and thus becomes bored with the picture. The attempt at a realistic movie is failed because it is so stylized. This is a new attempt for Berg and it should probably not be repeated.

As you may have noticed you didn't likely recognize a ton of the stars. Aside from Hilly-Billy Bob and maybe Derek Luke, they didn't find an all-star cast for this picture. Likely that was done on purpose.

While the acting was not bad, the intrusive camera prevents you from noticing anything other than facial twitches so their acting style really doesn't matter. There was, however, one person that did stand out and for some reason was given real shots in the movie.

That star came in the form of Mr. Lucky himself, Tim McGraw as Charles Billingsley. The reasons why he's Mr. Lucky are numerous but at least one stands out in particular. Adding to this list is his apparent ability to act. The pretty-boy-cowboy sheds his image and becomes a washed-up yokel, forcing his son Don to aspire to reach the status he did in high school. Why Don would want to do that is really unclear since his dad is a pathetic drunk, but Don tries nonetheless.

Their relationship is the only real source of story in this movie and really should have been the focus. Through them we seem the only development in character and a point to even tell this story.

Instead we get fragments of several different stories. Many times they are so conflicting that we don't know who to root for or why.

We want the team to lose so that these bigot racists can learn a lesson or two but we want the team to win so that these boys can have their only shot at getting out.

Point is this is a horrible story because there's no good way out for these characters. As a result it's hard to care about them. There's nothing particularly terrible about the movie and nothing especially great. It's an average, C movie.

Odds are you won't gain anything from the film. We did though, so to the people of Odessa we can simply say, "I don't want...your life."

Wait.

Wrong crappy football movie.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor. Both are involved with the International Film Festival and Classic Films series.

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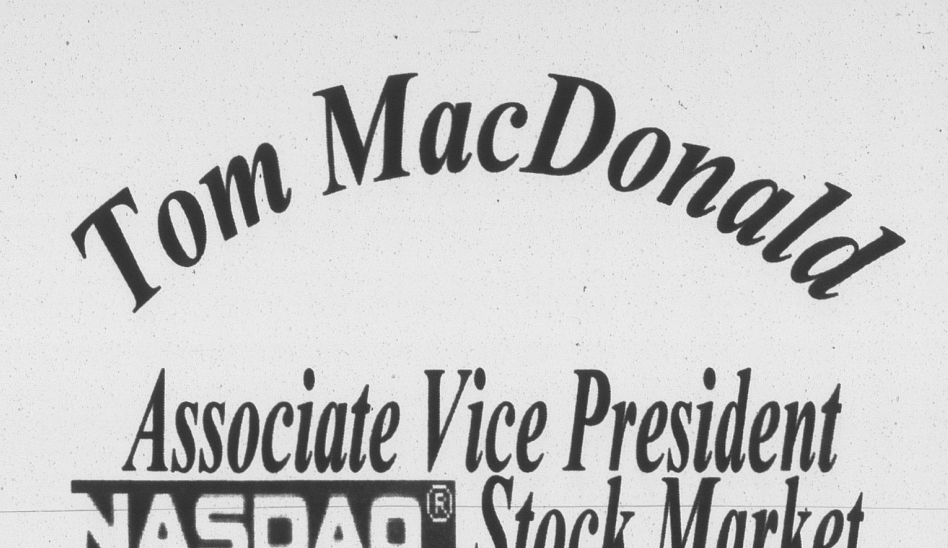

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October 15, 2004
Last Day to Convert Incomplete Grades
HOMECOMING
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM SGA DAY — MCC Terrace
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Josten Ring Days — Table Outside Bookstore
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dr. Ross H. Musgrave ('42) Art Show — MCC Faculty Commons
3:00 PM SGA Powder Puff Football Game and Picnic — Quad
3:00 PM Tea with the Books — McGill Library
4:30 PM Meet the Homecoming Court — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

October 16, 2004
HOMECOMING
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Dr. Ross H. Musgrave ('42) Art Show — MCC Faculty Commons
9:00 AM Dedication and Inaugural Piano Recital: Dr. Nancy Zipay DeSalvo — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Josten Ring Days — Table Outside Bookstore
10:30 AM Homecoming Parade — Market Street
1:30 PM Titan Football Kick-Off vs. Bethany — Burry Stadium
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

October 17, 2004
HOMECOMING
10:30 AM Homecoming Worship Service — New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

October 18, 2004
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM CPU T-Shirt Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Alumni Piano Recital: Bryan Helsel, Class of 1997 — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Circle K Halloween Party — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Tampa Bay at St. Louis — MCC Club
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

October 19, 2004
PE-2 Classes Begin
Thursday Classes Meet
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM CPU T-Shirt Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
12:30 PM Speaker from Case Western Reserve: Information about CWR dental program — HSC 369
12:40 PM - 1:50 PM Biology Lunch/Speaker, Dr. Joe Balczon — Hoyt Science Center 152
4:30 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse, "Forces of Hate: Terrorists Are Made Not Born" — Patterson 131
5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230
5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: The Wedding Banquet, Tawain, 1993 — MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

October 20, 2004
National Chemistry Week Demos — Outside MCC
Last Meal Before Break (Galbreath at lunch)
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM CPU T-Shirt Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Green Party Voter Information — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
3:30 PM Orchard Street Cafe Closes — McKelvey Campus Center
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Last weeks's answers

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A conversation or confrontation with a partner or mate could get very emotional. Guard your feelings and practice caution in your presentation.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Play it smart and avoid an argument with a co-worker or colleague that puts your back up against the wall. Leave room or reason for escape.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Find a way to demonstrate your feelings and let a loved one know what you are thinking. Express yourself creatively and romantically.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Prior experiences gained through trial and error will prove to be very valuable and come in handy this week. Lend your expertise to a family project.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Do not overreact to a proclamation or announcement made in anger. Stay calm and read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Great organization is the key to successful money management. Make an effort to store your bills, receipts and financial statements in an orderly manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): There is a lot of room or opportunity for personal development and self-improvement. Make a vow to work hard in order to better yourself in several areas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Avoid getting caught up in a web of confusion, delusion or false promises. Keep in mind, what you see is what you will get, no more or no less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Spending time with friends can be hectic yet helpful. Pay attention to their suggestions and share some of your own unconventional ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You can learn and grow from your relationship with an elder or mentor. Be humble and respectful and do your best to listen and honor their requests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): When called upon to render a judgment that could affect a wide range of individuals, you must think seriously. Take your time and consider all of the facts.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It is up to you to take responsibility for your monetary status. Analyze your finances, balance your income and expenditures and save what you can.

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Campus News

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

"You're a good sorority, Phi Mu"

Phi Mu sisters work diligently on their float for the homecoming parade. The theme they chose for this year's parade of cartoons is "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

Future teachers learn lessons at local schools

By Lindsay Jasinski
Campus Writer

This semester, the department of education has 42 future teachers student teaching at local schools.

Most of them are student teaching in elementary schools, although a few secondary education students are teaching this fall as well.

According to Darwin Huey, head of the department, the basic plan is to have elementary education majors student teach in the fall and secondary education minors student teach in the spring.

That doesn't always happen because some students graduate early or study abroad and adjustments must be made.

Although the college tries to prepare its student teachers thoroughly, it is impossible to be prepared for everything that may occur.

Having the students placed at schools within a 45 minute radius around the campus is one way to avoid problem because it cuts down on an extreme drive time, but many student teachers voice that upon arrival, the dynamics to these local schools are difficult to deal with.

Ross Martin, a sixth grade student teacher the semester at Ferrell, has already encountered some major issues.

"I and other teachers at Farrell have encountered several trying situations that most will never see in their teaching career," said Martin. "One of my students actually left the school in handcuffs, and we also had a bomb threat recently."

Erica McCullough is also student teaching at Ferrell in a fourth grade classroom.

"There were police checking all the students as they entered the school," said McCullough. "They checked them all with metal detectors, and some of the little kids cried because they were scared."

McCullough also pointed out that students at Ferrell are not bad kids, but it is a rough neighborhood.

"They have to be disciplined a lot, but these kids are just striving for someone to pay attention to them."

Haine Middle School in Seneca Valley has provided a different experience for Kristen Forsberg, a student teacher in the sixth grade.

"The students there are so well behaved that it is almost scary," said Forsberg.

Her students are allowing her to have a positive teaching experience with very little disciplinary action needed.

"The only downside is that it is one of the schools that are farther away. A lot of us have expressed the concern that we'd like to help out after school hours with things like sports and music, but we just don't have the time because of the distance we have to travel."

Toni Heyde has had the opportunity to work with younger children as she teaches in the second grade.

"Teaching is not just about making sure kids can pass a test, it is about making sure that they love coming to school because they know that everyday there is someone who cares about them and will help them anyway they can."

-Toni Heyde, senior

"I was not prepared for how emotionally exhausting student teaching can be," said Heyde.

"Some of the kids that I worked with while I have been teaching have dealt with so much in their short lives. Teaching is not just about making sure kids can pass a test, it is about making sure that they love coming to school because they know that everyday there is someone who cares about them and will help them anyway they can."

Student teaching will continue in the spring semester. There will be 16 elementary education students and 19 secondary education students teaching.

Film

Political film elicits mixed reactions

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complete fabrication of what the president is like. For some students, Moore's methods and ruthless attacking of the president are not only wrong, they are not worth seeing. These feelings go so far as to prevent students from watching the movie at all.

"I refuse to watch Fahrenheit 9-11 on the grounds that Michael Moore is a complete imbecile. No republican in their right mind should watch it because doing so would give Michael Moore the gratification that he wants," junior Stephanie Spinelli said.

While the movie may have some false elements to it, both Jessica Rummel, president of the College Republicans and Greg Smith, president of the College Democrats agree that the movie should be seen.

"I think it's a good idea. Everyone should see it to be kept up to date on current issues," Rummel said, "Plus, it's free in the campus center. I like not supporting Michael Moore."

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-Jessica Rummel, senior

"I'm glad they brought it to the school," Smith said, "I know it's Michael Moore, but only the first one-fourth is Bush bashing."

Fahrenheit 9-11's anti-Bush stance has spawned a number of counter films that attempt to expose the facts in Moore's film as false. One of these films, produced by the Citizens United group, is named Celsius 41.11. Theatre locations and film information can be found at http://www.citizensunited-interactive.org/c41.11/.

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Students give troops taste of home

By Jason Mackey
Campus Writer

Students, faculty and neighbors recently had the chance to donate used CDs and DVDs to our troops in Iraq.

For the past two weeks, those interested could drop off their donations at the information desk in the campus center.

The drive was so successful that the sponsoring organization, The College Republicans, saw it necessary to extend the drive another week.

According to College Republicans president Jess Rummel, the idea was not even something to which she could lay claim.

The idea originated through The College Republicans at LaRoche College. LaRoche College Republicans President Seth O'Connor spoke with troops overseas and noticed their desire to have a taste of home during the war.

O'Connor then emailed the surrounding chapters of the group and the response was overwhelming.

The College Republicans are responsible for a number of fundraisers around campus. They meet every Thursday night to discuss the events happening in politics.

The group often advocates certain local republican candidates, in addition to holding an annual voting drive.

The group has also recently hosted an event to help students to learn more about the candidates in the upcoming election by watching the recent debate.

In talking with students and faculty members, there seemed few negative reactions to the drive.

"It's real simple, everyone has CDs and DVDs they don't want," said Rummel.

Rummel isn't the only student who felt the need to re-pay our troops.

"It's a way of giving back. It's a way to let the guys over there know that we haven't forgot about them," said junior political science major Tom Heath.

Many seemed optimistic even before the results of the drive were in. "I think it will go well and the press will help a lot too," added Rummel.

Even though the objective is simple, Rummel couldn't state enough the importance of supporting these men and women.

"You don't have to support the war, but with this you can support the men and women over there. They could be your own family or friends," said Rummel.

SGA to host powder puff football in the quad

By Mike Dines
Campus Writer

On Friday, October 15 at 3 p.m., five sororities and one independent team will compete for the powder-puff football title in the quad.

The Student Government Association and the homecoming committee have made some changes this year to the traditional powder-puff event that used to play the four classes against one another. The men will cheer their designated teams onto victory.

The Titan football team will be there to referee the game and make sure that everything is done by the book. These changes in the design of the event have come from lack of participation in the past several years in pre-homecoming activities.

SGA and the homecoming committee agreed that a change had to happen. Nicole Udanis, the SGA special events chair, said "I feel that the all the independent women and Greek women competing against one another is just what this college needed to create interest in powder-puff football again, and getting the guys involved is an even bigger bonus."

Leah Mazzocca, a sophomore independent who is helping to run powder-puff thinks the competition will be intense. "I think the competition is going to be insane between the Greeks and independents; much more than it would have been between classes," she said.

"I feel that because of the way it is set up that it will be more of a success. Not only are the sororities getting involved, but the fraternities are going to cheerlead for the game! No one will want to miss that. The independent guys are really pumped about cheering on our team, too."

The girls are ready to play football and the guys are ready to be cheerleaders. Senior Alpha Sigma Phi member Michael Clever said, "Give me some pom-poms, get me in a cheerleader outfit, and put me on top of a human pyramid, because I am ready to go."

"I think after watching us girls play, Coach Renninger might want to rethink his recruitment for the football team," Mazzocca said.

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High 48	High 51	High 55	High 61	High 65	High 65	High 64
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Mostly cloudy, a shower or two	Cool with clouds and sun	Mainly cloudy	Chance for a couple of showers	Some sun; mild	Mostly cloudy	Clouds with rain possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:34 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Sunday	7:35 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
Monday	7:36 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Tuesday	7:38 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Wednesday	7:39 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	10:33 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Sunday	11:51 a.m.	8:50 p.m.
Monday	1:04 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
Tuesday	2:09 p.m.	10:51 p.m.
Wednesday	3:02 p.m.	none

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First	Full	Last	New
Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 5	Nov 12

Weather History

On Oct. 17, 1977, heavy, wet snow downed thousands of trees and cut power in the mountains of central and northeastern Pennsylvania. The storm foreshadowed a harsh winter there.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	43	36	sh	52	38	pc	56	45	sh	62	47	sh	65	48	sh
Butler, PA	48	36	sh	52	38	pc	54	42	sh	58	46	r	63	47	r
Cambridge, OH	48	35	sh	54	38	pc	60	45	sh	66	48	sh	67	49	sh
Canton, OH	44	36	sh	53	39	pc	57	44	sh	63	47	sh	65	49	sh
Cincinnati, OH	50	36	pc	58	46	pc	64	50	sh	68	52	r	72	50	sh
Clarion, PA	45	34	sh	50	36	pc	54	41	sh	57	46	sh	61	46	r
Clarksburg, WV	52	37	sh	58	39	pc	61	45	sh	66	49	r	70	44	r
Cleveland, OH	50	40	sh	52	42	pc	58	48	sh	60	50	r	68	51	r
Columbus, OH	50	38	sh	55	42	pc	65	50	sh	68	51	sh	70	51	sh
Cumberland, MD	52	37	sh	56	39	pc	56	44	sh	61	47	r	66	44	sh
Erie, PA	53	41	sh	52	44	sh	55	47	sh	62	50	sh	63	52	r
Franklin, PA	45	36	sh	50	36	c	56	42	sh	58	45	sh	62	46	r
Greensburg, PA	49	38	sh	54	39	pc	57	45	sh	63	50	r	66	49	r

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	46	36	sh	52	38	pc	55	44	sh	61	46	r	64	46	sh
Grove City, PA	47	35	sh	50	38	pc	55	42	sh	59	45	sh	61	45	sh
Hagerstown, MD	54	40	sh	56	42	pc	58	46	sh	62	48	r	69	47	r
Indiana, PA	49	39	sh	52	40	pc	58	45	sh	63	49	sh	66	48	r
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Sports

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Titans roll through fall schedules

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Saturday, October 9 was a busy day for the fall Titan sports programs.

Five Titan programs competed within the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

The men's and women's cross country teams participated in the Bethany Invitational. The men captured first place while the women placed second.

The men's team captured the team title by sweeping the top five spots. Freshman Chris Diamond paced the Titans and was trailed, in order, by senior Marcus Corvino, freshmen Nate Mitchell and Willie DeLair and sophomore Scott Seserko. Senior Felicie Reid paced the Lady Titans. Reid finished fifth out of 28 runners.

While the cross country teams visited Bethany, the women's tennis team traveled to Waynesburg.

The Lady Titan netters closed regular season PAC play with a 5-4 victory. They were led by seniors Bethany Grubbs and Amy Browell. Grubbs and Browell each won singles matches before earning a win as teammates in doubles competition. The win improves the Lady Titans to 4-1 in PAC competition.

Though the cross country teams and the women's tennis team enjoyed a successful weekend, the football team and the men's soccer team fell to PAC opponents. In their PAC opener, the football team fell to nationally-ranked Washington & Jefferson by the score of 54-14.

Senior running back Scott Froelich and senior defensive back Mike Kohowski provided the Titans' only scores. Froelich tallied a one-yard touchdown run, while Kohowski returned an interception 17 yards for a score.

Titans of the week

Sophomore wide receiver Jake Buzard has been named Offensive Titan of the Week. Buzard caught four passes for 35 yards, with a long reception of 15 yards.

Junior defensive end Adam Hadbavny was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week. Hadbavny eight total tackles, including one tackle for a loss, and three pass breakups.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels was freshman punter Dusty Rhodes. Rhodes recorded 12 punts for 366 yards, with a long punt of 42 yards.

Swim teams announce captains

Women's swimming

Senior Erica McCullough is a distance freestyle specialist who is a three year letter winner. She placed 14th in the 1000 free a year ago at the PAC Championships. Senior April Dollard is a backstroke/butterfly specialist who placed seventh at last years PAC Championships in the 100 & 200 back as well as the 100 fly.

Men's swimming

Junior Nate Horrell is a butterfly/ freestyle specialist who earned All-PAC Second Team honors in the 200 fly and third team laurels in both the 100 fly and 500 free in 2003-04. Junior Beck Thornton, a backstroke/ individual medley specialist, is a returning captain and a two-year letterwinner.

The teams open the season on Sat., Oct. 23 at the Clarion Fall Classic.

Volleyball digs in

Team breaks as PAC play starts with a win and loss

By Frederick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The volleyball team saw its record falter to 10-10 overall and 0-1 in PAC play, as the lady Titans suffered a 30-22, 30-27, 30-23 setback to defending league champion Waynesburg in their 2004 PAC opener.

Junior outside hitter Erin Hinks led the Titan offensive attack with a team-high 11 kills. Sophomore Rachael Cooper and senior Lauren Lalama set 13 and aided with 12 assists, respectively.

Senior Sara Miller led the team with 17 digs in the loss, followed by Hinks and Cooper with 12 apiece.

The ladies saw its record improve to 11-10 overall and 1-1 in PAC play, as the lady Titans recorded a 30-22, 21-30, 30-21, 29-31, 15-9 league victory at Washington & Jefferson College.

Jump starting the offensive attack was Hinks who had a team-high 20 kills, while adding three solo blocks in the victory. Sophomore middle hitter Katie McDermott added 11 kills,

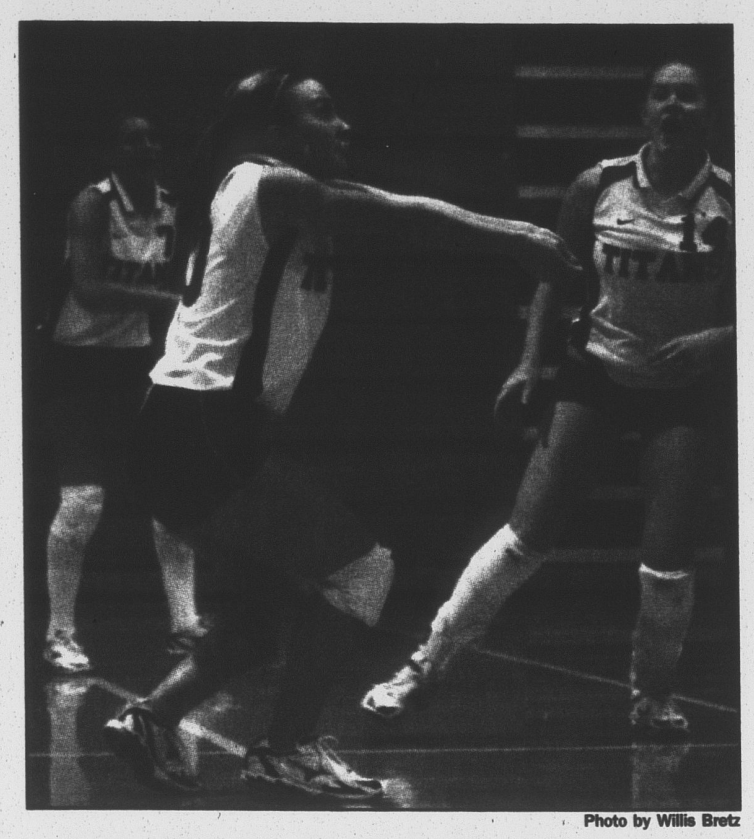


Photo by Willis Bretz

Lauren Lalama puts the ball in play during the victorious match-up against Thiel this past Tuesday.

while Cooper and freshman outside hitter Hannah Parker added nine each, while senior middle hitter Sarah McKain recorded eight. Cooper and Lalama set up 29 and 20 assists, respectively. Parker was the team leader in digs with 25, followed closely by Miller with 24.

The ladies now face Bethany College in a PAC match up next.

The Titans created a two game win streak and saw its record improve to 12-10 overall and 2-1 in the PACs, as the lady Titans recorded a 30-24, 30-27, 30-22 league win.

The Titans trailed 22-18 in the final game before seizing control of the match and rattling off 12 consecutive points.

Pacing the Titan offensive attack was McKain with a team-high nine kills. Sophomore middle hitter Heidi Kracker added eight kills and five total blocks (three solo, two assists), while sophomore Cooper had a team-best 20 assists.

Senior Miller led the squad in digs with 18. The ladies took their win streak up to three with a win over PAC rival Theil on Tuesday with scores of 30-26, 30-21, and 30-24. They play at Grove City tonight.

Soccer teams battle PAC rivals

By Frederick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team saw the best start in the program's history come to a halt in Grove City as the Titans lost their first game of the season 2-0.

The Titans are now 11-1 overall and 4-1 in PAC play.

The guys entered the game ranked sixth in the current NSCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region men's soccer poll.

After a scoreless first half the Titans let the game get away ass Grove City added two goals early in the second half.

The Titans were able to out shoot Grove City 12-10 in the contest. Sophomore keeper Anthony Beilstein went the distance in goal in the loss, making three saves.

The Titans then looked to bounce back as they took on Washington and Jefferson College.

The Titans defeated Washington and Jefferson in their last meeting with a score of 2-1.

The guys saw their record drop to 11-2 overall and 4-2 in PAC play. The Titans dropped their second game in as many days after an impressive 11-0 start with a heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss to defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson.

The two teams battled through a scoreless opening period. The Titans then opened the scoring early into the second half, as sophomore Todd Atwood posted an unassisted goal for a 1-0 lead. The Titans seemed to have things in hand but let the game get away from them late the game.

The game winning goal came early in the extra frame.

Titan goalie Anthony Beilstein went the distance once again in goal, making seven saves. The Titans out shot W&J 8-7 during the contest.

The Titans hope to regain their winning spirit next as they host PAC rival Thiel College on Saturday. The Titans topped the Tomcats 2-1 in overtime in their last meeting.

The women's soccer team added a tie to its overall and PAC record with a 3-3 tie against Washington and Jefferson.

The Titans are now 9-2-1 overall and 4-0-1 in PAC play.

The Titans did trail in the game early but came back with a fury of three straight goals for a 3-1 halftime lead.

Freshman Brittany McKee opened the scoring with an unassisted goal ten minutes into the game to knot the score 1-1.

The ladies took the lead thirty-five seconds later on a goal by senior Angie DePascale assisted by sophomore Sarah Calderone. The Titans then took a 3-1 advantage on an unassisted goal by freshman star Scarlett Bretz late in the half.

The Titans slipped a bit in the second half as W&J netted two more goals to tie the game at three. The Titans out shot the Presidents 21-17 in the contest.

Senior goalkeeper Nicole Drummond played strong in net, allowing three goals while making 12 saves in 110 minutes of action.

The women continued to rage their winning ways as they got back in action against PAC foe Waynesburg College.

The lady Titans improved their record 10-2-1 overall and 5-0-1 in PAC play as they shutout Waynesburg College 4-0.

The Titans soared to a 3-0 halftime lead before adding an insurance goal in the second half.

Bretz opened the scoring rather quickly into the game with a goal assisted by classmate Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman.

Senior Katie Fisher scored to make it 2-0 in the 34th minute, with freshman Andrea Michalenko getting the assist.

Michalenko then found the back of the net a few minutes later assisted by sophomore Christa Andamasaris to close the first half scoring.

The single second half goal belonged to freshman Mallory Bugel in the middle of the second, assisted by Etzel-Hardman.

The Titans blistered the Yellow Jackets goalieby firing 22 shots on goal.

Senior goalkeeper Nicole Drummond played 80 strong minutes in goal making one save to earn her ninth shutout of the season, breaking the school single-season record of eight shutouts set by Sarah Morrison in 2000.

Classmate Laura Vollmer made one save in the final ten minutes to close out the match.

The ladies are back in action as they look for win number eleven when they face the College of Wooster on Saturday.

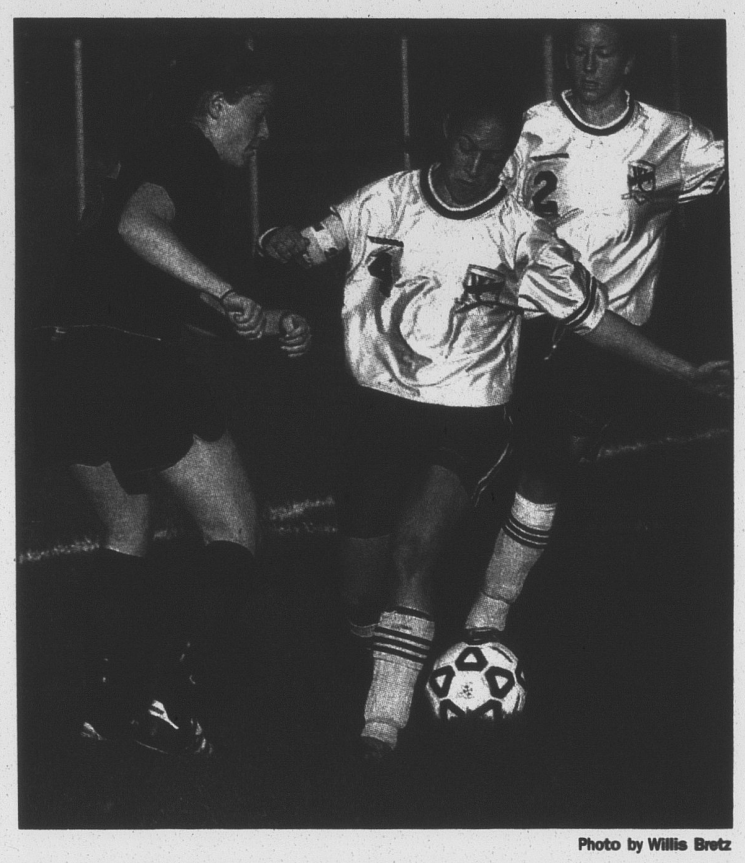
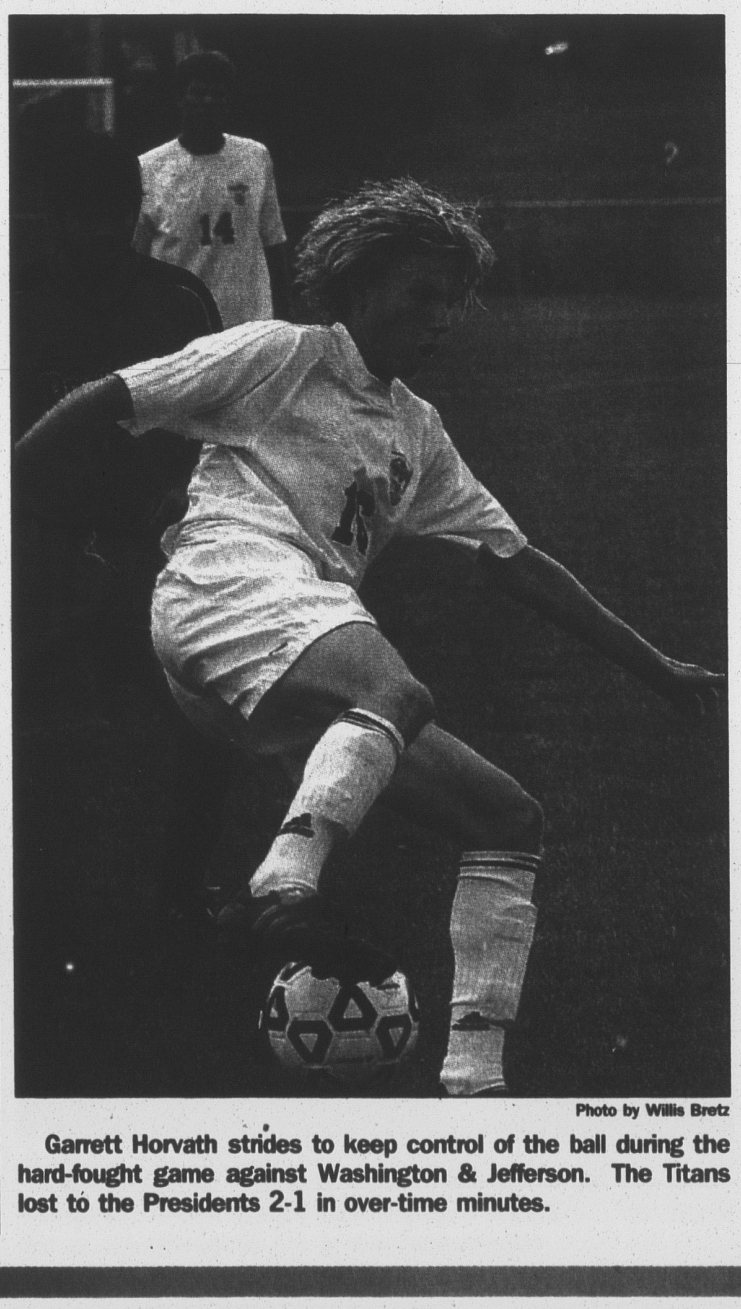


Photo by Willis Bretz

Sarah Calderone working to keep a Wooster attacker out of scoring position while teammate Courtney Thompson backs her up.



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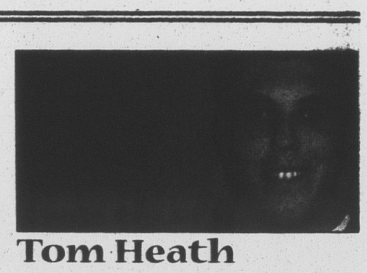
Garrett Horvath strides to keep control of the ball during the hard-fought game against Washington & Jefferson. The Titans lost to the Presidents 2-1 in over-time minutes.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Keep the spirt alive all year

With the school year in full swing and the onset of midterms, everyone is hard at work and some at the brink of destruction. There is only one escape the weekend before we can go home for fall break.

Homecoming, of course. Alumni, friends and family of the college come back for their annual visit.

Come Saturday, the campus will be full of life and energy. People practically come out of the woodwork for this weekend.

The day kicks off with the annual homecoming parade through town and ends up down at Burry Stadium for the football game.

Every year I have been here, it's been standing room only at the game and the excitement is overwhelming.

As a football player, this is one game I look forward to of them all. We get to play in front of a larger crowd than normal and exhibit our Blue and White pride through the traditions set years back here on campus.

This day the football game is full of pride, traditions and history. This year, as a matter of fact, we will be honoring one of the national championship teams at halftime of the game.

For me, taking the field wearing the blue and white will take a new light while in the presence of this great team and all of the visitors to campus.

I realize that homecoming is a special event here on campus, but why not make every Saturday like homecoming, minus the parade of course. It's really a shame that this kind of pride and excitement is here and gone in one day of the entire year.

October 16 should be no different than any other Saturday during the fall. Outside of parents, there should be students parking cars and setting up tents to reserve spots for tailgating. I know that my parents would be excited to see more students tailgating before the home games.

There have been flashes of light from the student body in support of teams and players, specifically with a new group called the "Bero Bunch." I hear some people are mad about this, but you know what, if another group forms similar to this, I can promise it will be part of the sports page.

In closing, I urge all of you to make your way down to Burry Stadium this Saturday. This could be your first home game, or maybe you have never missed one. Win or lose, you can't beat the atmosphere. For me, there is nothing better than a football game on a Saturday in October.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team droppeed to 8-5 on the season Tuesday night in Erie, as the Lady Titans fell at Penn State-Behrend 6-3 in a non-conferece match.

Freshman Christina Commisso was the team's lone double-winner against Behrend.

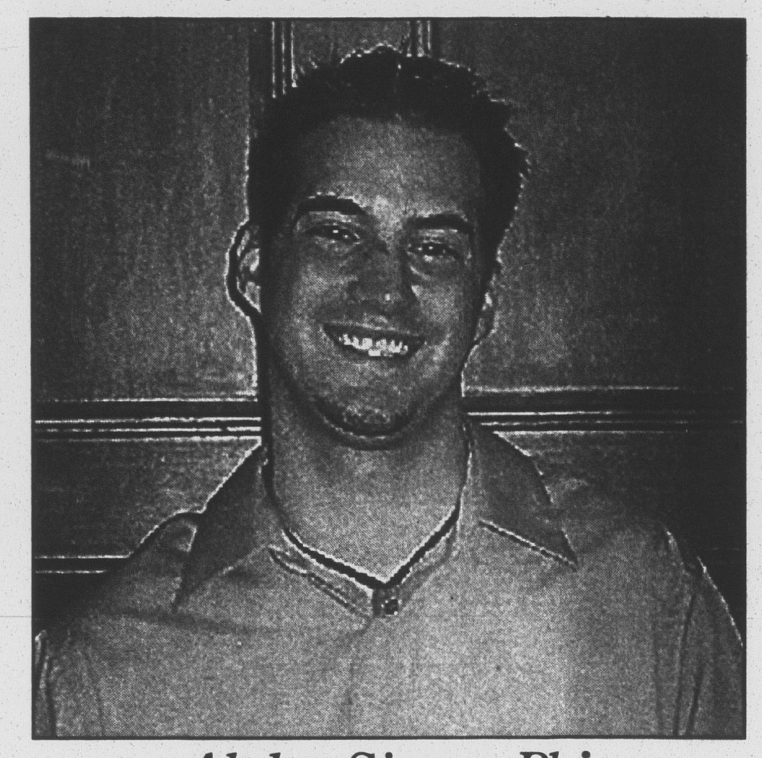
Commisso captured #6 singles in straight sets, while also teaming with classmate Dana Larson for a win at #2 doubles. Senior Amy Browell was also victorious at #5 singles for the Lady Titans.

The Lady Titan netters returned to the courts on Thursday, with a non-conference match against St. Vincent College at home.

They will wrap up the season at the PAC champioinships in Erie over fall break.

Homecoming 2004

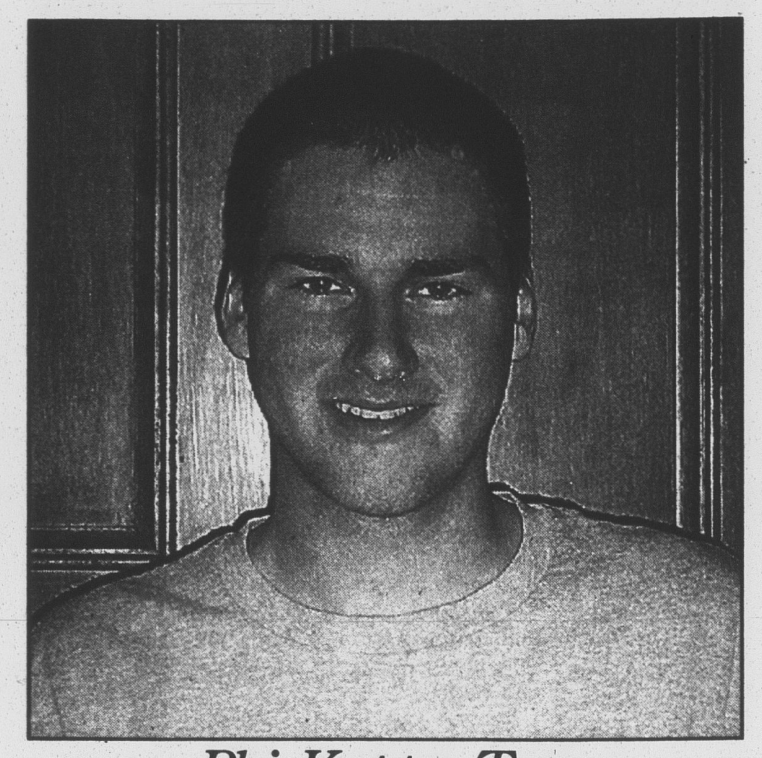
Jeff Brownlee



Alpha Sigma Phi

Jeff is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and is a public relations major from Conneaut Lake, Pa. Jeffrey or "Effy" as much of campus refers to him, is involved in a myriadof different activities on campus. Some of his favorite things to do include, working out and tutoring his friends in math. Jeff hopes to one day earn his doctorate in the field of communications. Effy wants to thank his friends and family and especially Colter and Quay for making him what he is today.

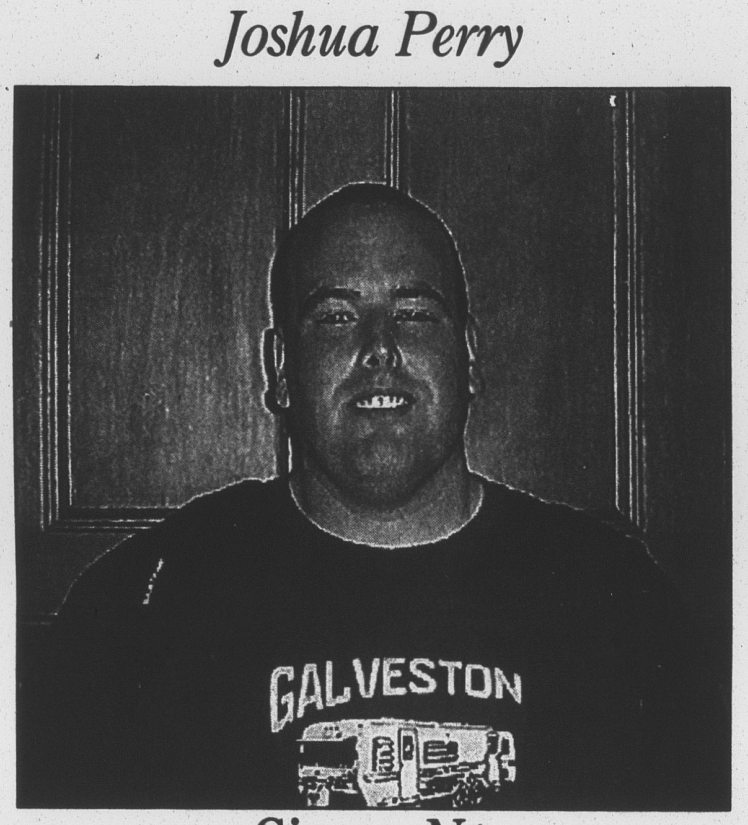
Ben Mentzer



Phi Kappa Tau

Ben is a brother of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. In addition, he is the chaplain of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, treasurer and singer in the Gospel Choir and he plays baritone in the marching and symphonic bands. Ben is an elementary education major and an early childhood development minor.

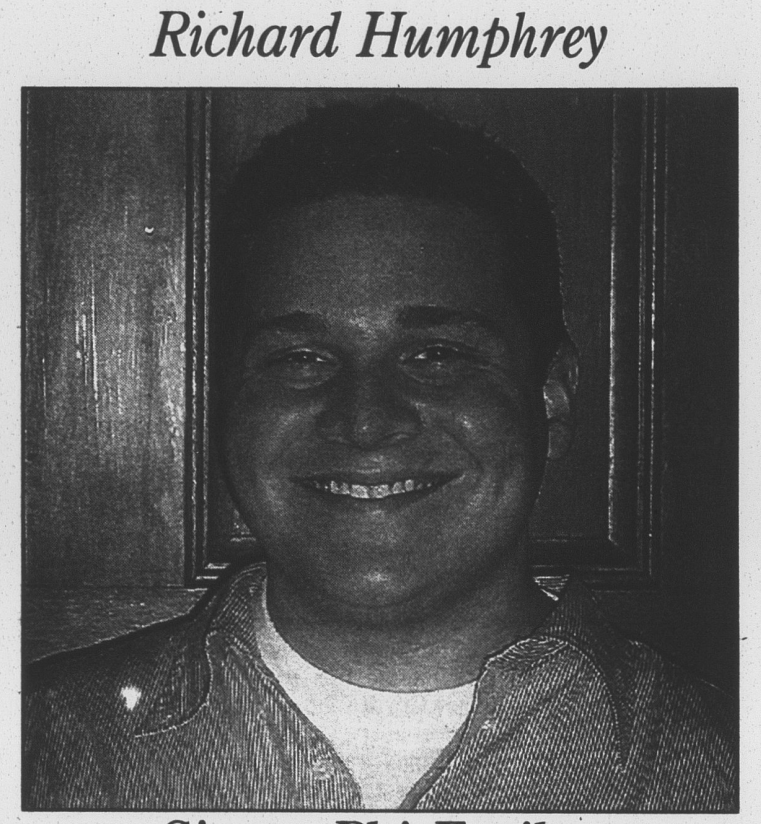
Joshua Perry



Sigma Nu

Josh is a brother of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, where he serves as their treasurer. He is a former member of the Westminster Titan football team and enjoys volunteering at the Westminster Preschool Lab.

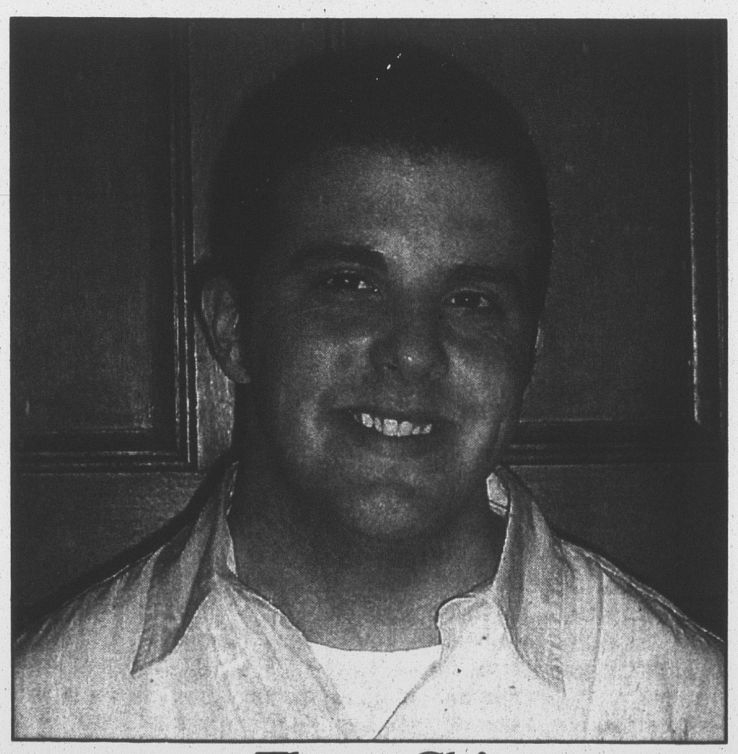
Richard Humphrey



Sigma Phi Epsilon

Richard is a brother of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, where he is vice president of Recruitment. Along with being the Recruitment chair of IFC, he is a member of SADD, SAA, SGA, Newman Club, the Greek Week committee and the Fresh Start staff. Richard has a double major in business administration and Spanish.

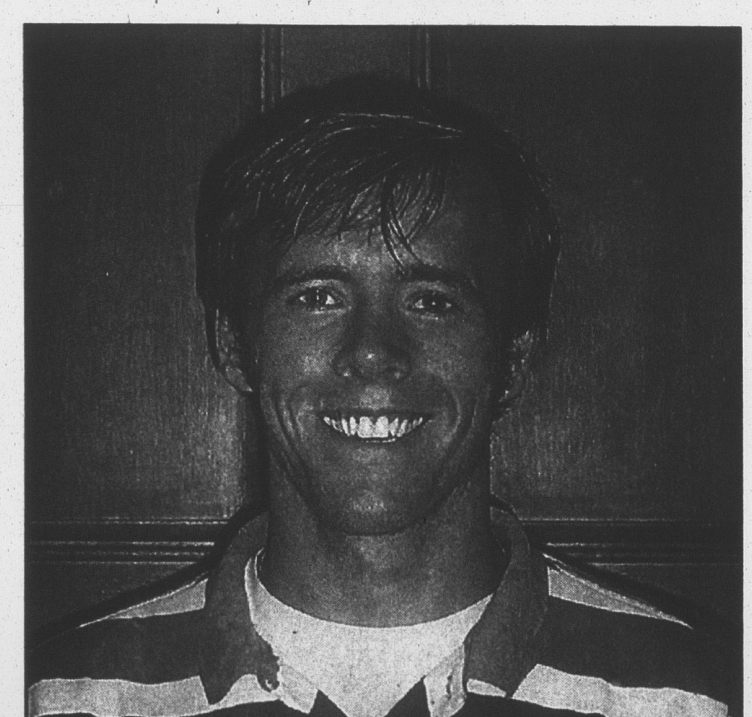
Jimmy Connell



Theta Chi

Jimmy is a junior elementary education major from Connellsville, Pa. He is also a brother of the Theta Chi Fraternity, where he is Scholarship chair. His campus involvement includes CPC, Alpha Psi Omega, Theatre Westminster, SWAT and Fresh Start. Jimmy would like to thank all who voted for him.

Ben Libert

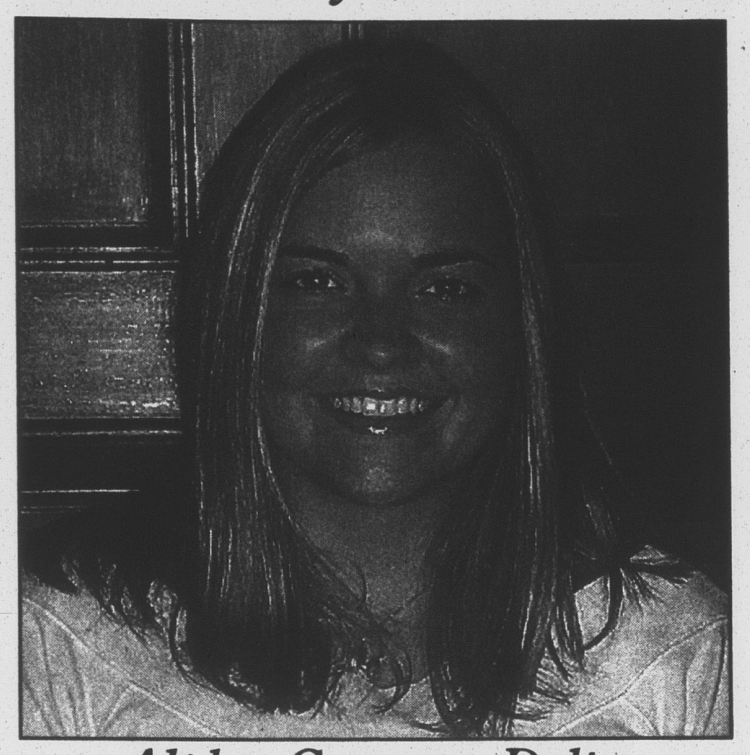


Independent

Ben, a religion major, is the Logistic chair for Seekers College Fellowship and president of F.U.N. He is a member of the men's cross country and tennis teams and is also active in FCA, Newman Club, SAA, SGA, SAAC, SIFE and is co-cartoonist for the Holcad.

Meet the Candidates

Christy Martin



Alpha Gamma Delta

Christy is member of Alpha Gamma Delta, where she serves as Activies Coordinator. She is also actively involved in SADD and is part of the Fresh Start staff. Christy is a business administration major from Mohawk High School.

Sarah Blasko

Kappa Delta

Sarah is the Secretary of the Kappa Delta Sorority. Along with these responsibilities, she is the vice president of Pi Delta Pi, the French National Honor Society. She is also a member of SADD, College Democrats and was a member of the Titan Marching Band for two years. She has a double major in French and international business. Sarah would like to thank everyone at home and Westminster and say "Go Titans!"

Abby Harvey

Phi Mu

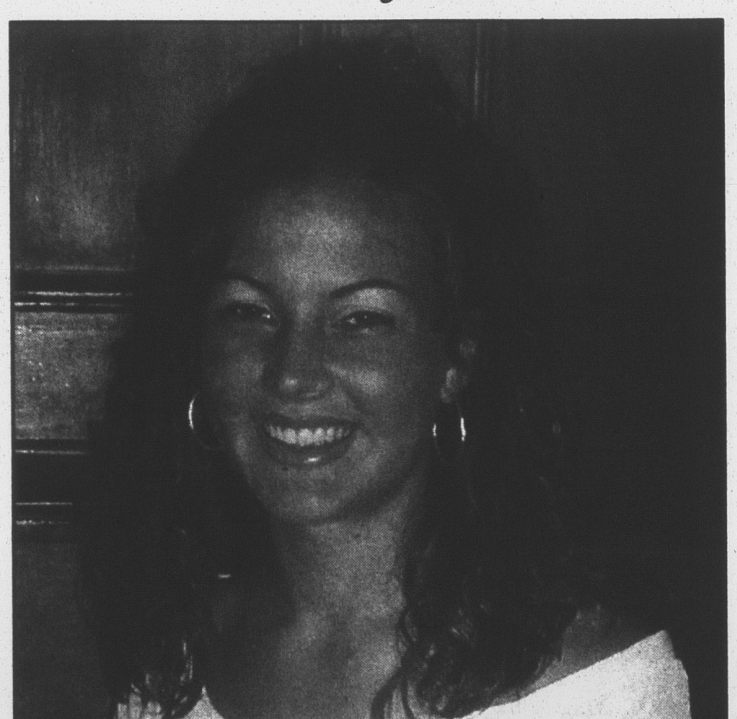
Abby is the Provisional Membership director for Phi Mu. She is the fundraising chair of SAA along with being a member of the women's tennis team, SWAT and SADD. Abby is an elementary education major.

Amy Schroder

Sigma Kappa

Amy is member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority, where she is vice president of Recruitment and Continuing Member chairman. On campus, she is involved in Titan Traverse, Kappa Delta Psi, Religious Life Council, Seekers, FCA, and is a resident advisor. Off campus, she volunteers at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

Laura Jones



Zeta Tau Alpha

Laura is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, where she serves as the Panhellenic Representative. She is the vice president of Panhel. Wheil at Westminster, Laura has been an active member of SADD, Fresh Start Staff, Sigma Delta Pi (the Spanish National Honor Society), and the Cheerleading squad. Laura has spent time volunteering at the Preschool Lab and tutoring at Mohawk Elementary School. She is a Spanish major, secondary education minor and plans to study in Argentina this summer.

Colleen Byrnes

Independent

Colleen is a junior elementary education major from Penn Hills, Pa. She is a member of FCA, SAA, SWAT, SLAC and Fresh Start staff. While at Westminster, Colleen is also involved in theater. She is a member of the Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honor Society and is the Children's Theater Show Coordinator. Colleen has also been inducted into the Lamba Sigma Honor Society and the Kappa Delta Psi Teaching Honor Society. In her free time, she is a volunteer tutor at Mohawk Elementary School.

Features

Then and Now

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

Haven't you ever longed for a more traditional time, maybe circa 1950? (By the way, that is my grandma in the pictures. And yes, she is a hottie.)

How does 1950 compare to now? Friends, lets examine this. (You are about to be bombarded with clichés and generalities; you have been warned.)

Then: Guys asked girls out.

Now: In case you have been living under a rock, you've noticed that guys have become wimps.

The only time a guy would try to start a relationship with a woman, it's probably in a scummy bar. This guy most likely has a receding hairline and wears lots of gold jewelry.

No, us ladies have taken it upon ourselves to be aggressive beyond all reason. We initiate conversation, we ask them out and we stalk obsessively until they glance our way.

Sure, this gives us women control. However, wouldn't it be nice for men to actually be men? Stop being lazy, form somewhat intelligent sentences, and go talk to some ladies, boys!

Then: Went to sock hops to dance.

Now: Oh we dance. Some of us also mistakenly think that "dance" is code for "make babies," but we do indeed dance. I have never been to a sock hop, but I am assuming that people of the male persuasion cut a rug out on the dance floor.

Nowadays, if you aren't one of the fellows that can decipher the code, you are probably sitting on the side. Which, in all reality, is the only other thing to do at a dance besides procreate.

Girls try to persuade these wallflowers by bumping and moving their hip area in a come hither style, waiting for a docile guy on the sidelines to permeate their personal bubble.

Once this occurs, no matter the song or beat, the couple will continue to awkwardly plaster themselves against one another.

Then: Kissing on a first date, not a respectable option.

Now: Date? What's this "date" you speak of? Us twenty-somethings have no interest in that matter. We scoff at dating.

Why date when you can spread diseases treatable only by Valtrex to one another in a less formal way?

No need for dinner and a movie. Give us liquor and a mattress.

No worries though; if we manage to get a sexually transmitted disease it will in no way inhibit our abilities to ride horses and mountain climb.

Perhaps the question has risen in your mind: Laura, why are you talking about all the ludicrous pastimes of our generation?

Well, the answer is easy: they are much easier to make fun of. Yes, we do a lot of fabulous things too.

Many uplifting words could be said about our youthful selves, but I've run out of room. Maybe next time, but probably not.

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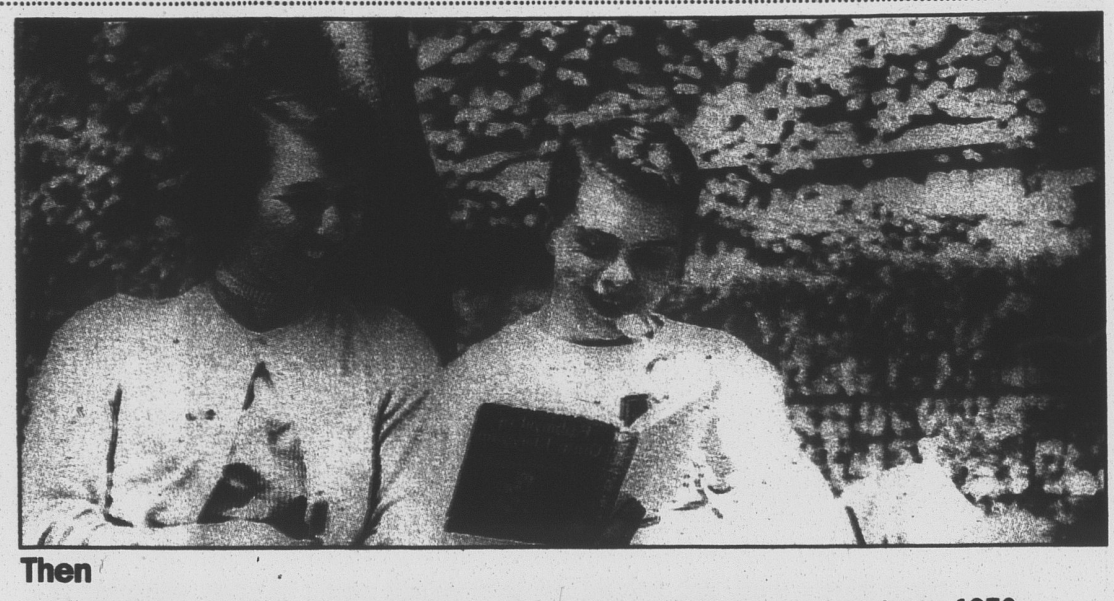
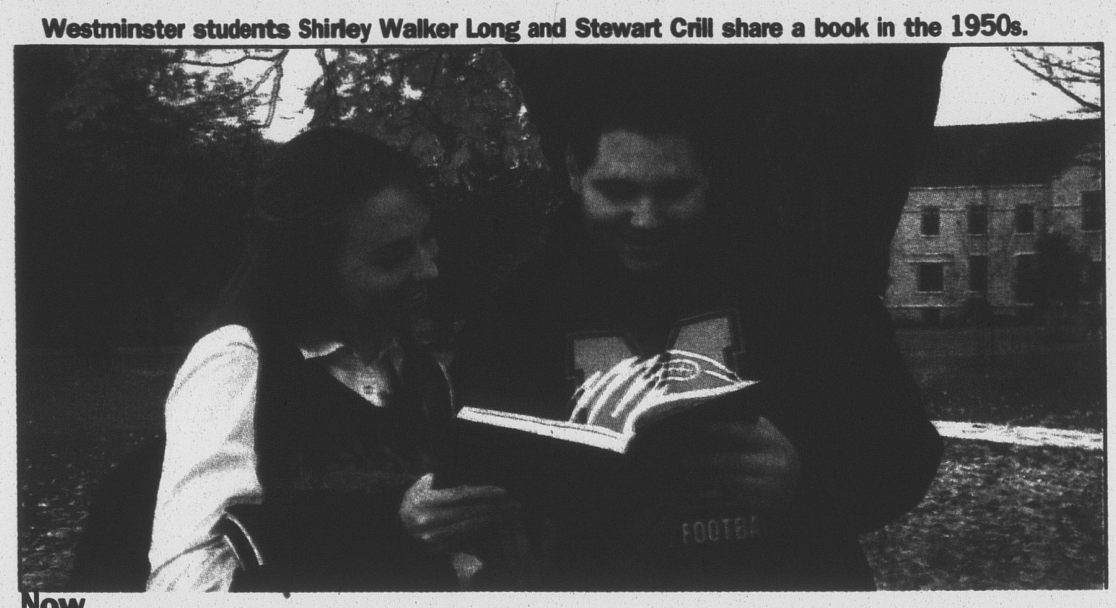


Then

Westminster students Shirley Walker Long and Stewart Crill share a book in the 1950s.



Now

Jollene Weister and Mike Gorka pause under a tree with quality reading material.

Politcal Pong: What makes a First Lady?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

As the entire world knows, there's a lot of hype about who's going to be the next president. We've covered their policies, their personal lives, and their plastic surgery. We've analyzed their administration (or potential administration) and campaign managers. Hell, we've even talked about who's got the better looking daughters.

But there's one particular position at the White House that we've overlooked: The First Lady. So Russ and I sat down this week and pondered who would make a more suitable first lady: Laura Bush or Teresa Heinz Kerry.

What do think are the appropriate credentials of a first lady? First, she should never bring shame to the office. There are enough scandals and controversies with the president and his staff, thank you.

Second, she should be educated, but not politically motivated. This is crucial. Why? Well, when you go to vote on November 2, you'll notice there's no box to check for the office of first lady. That's right, we don't elect a first lady, so why should we have to listen to her political agenda?

And finally, she should be a conservative. Well, that's not necessarily a requirement, maybe just bonus points.

With that said, let's start with the incumbent, Laura Bush.

She certainly passes the first credential regarding dignity to the office. America always sees Laura on her best behavior. Just recently, she charmed Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" with her grace and sophistication. Second, she holds a masters degree, giving her the educated advantage.

But more importantly, she's not out for any political gain or public recognition. She doesn't look for her name in paper. Laura has only been involved in two primary "political" issues: education (because she was a schoolteacher and librarian) and research for cancer and heart disease (because her mother is a cancer survivor). Her participation in the legislative process is minimum, and that's what I like about her. Oh, and she gets the bonus points for being conservative.

Now on to the challenger, Teresa Heinz Kerry. Where should I even start? Well, she definitely fails on my requirement of dignity. In fact, let's look at the more notable remarks of Mrs. Kerry: To a journalist, "You said something I didn't say. Now shove it." On fellow Democrat Ted Kennedy, "[H]e's a perfect bastard." On the Democratic party itself, "The Democratic machine in this country is putrid." Quotations like these snagged the headlines of major US newspapers. If I were you John, I'd mute her microphone.

As for the second credential, well she certainly is educated. She's fluent in several languages and attended schools around the world.

Of course, when you're 400 on the Forbes list of the richest people in the US, you can do that. As for not being politically motivated, I'm not so sure. Although Teresa claims to hate the thought of being a politician, she certainly has her hands in a lot of political projects.

Now who does Teresa remind me of? Why it's the New York Senator from hell, Hillary Clinton! Hillary was the worst thing that happened to the office of first lady, and I think Mrs. Kerry would carry on that "proud" tradition.

Oh, and sorry Teresa, no bonus points since you're not a conservative, although your comments about the Democratic machine make me question your ideology. I think it's pretty safe to say that Laura Bush wins, hands down. But don't worry Teresa, we Republicans have Britney Spears to make us look bad.

Jessica Rummel (aka right wing nutjob) is a senior politcal science major. She is president of SGA, College Republicans and is probably going straight to hell.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

This week Jess and I decided to debate the ladies of the 2004 presidential campaign: Teresa Heinz Kerry and Laura Bush.

Now I know I am fighting an uphill battle in this article, but I will do my best to appease all you liberals out there.

Now the most common comment I hear about Laura is, "Why would she marry such an idiot?" I could not agree more with that statement.

Laura is a wonderful woman and has been a great first lady, but the baggage she carries (George) is too much. But enough about Laura, lets move on to Teresa.

Teresa was born in Mozambique and attended school in South Africa and also attended the University of Geneva to study translations. Teresa has been a strong advocate of human rights and education.

She is the chair of the Sarah Heinz foundation, which keeps inter-city children in Pittsburgh off the streets and off of drugs (as a child, I took part in this program and it was one of the best things I have ever done).

She met Senator John Heinz at the University of Geneva in 1964 and they wed in 1966. They were happily married until 1991 when Heinz was tragically killed in an airplane crash.

Teresa met Senator John Kerry in 1992 at an Earth Day rally after President George H.W. Bush had elected her to serve on a State Department mission. She and Kerry were married in the presence of her three sons and his two daughters on Memorial Day weekend in 1995.

Teresa has received numerous awards and 10 honorary degrees for her many works.

In September of last year, she was presented with the Albert Schweitzer Gold Medal for Humanitarianism, for her work protecting the environment, promoting health care and education and uplifting women and children throughout the world.

Now I know some of you Republicans have a problem with a strong woman being the first lady of the United States. Well remember this, my elephant friends. Nancy Reagan, according to former Chief of Staff Jim Baker, ruled the Reagan White House "with an iron fist."

Republicans only have a problem with Teresa and Hillary Clinton because they are woman who want to help their husbands work on health care and not on nuking the rest of the world.

Now I know Teresa is not the most politically correct woman in the world today. She had a good reason to go off on the reporter from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review (which I might add is nothing more than a right wing rag that this school blindly supports, but that is another argument for another day).

The reporter had fabricated a quote about her the day before and she told him to "Shove it."

Kerry has stood behind his wife, saying that she is a straight shooter that lets you know how she is feeling.

I mean this woman has discussed subjects such as her prenuptial agreement with Kerry, his Botox injections, and her love life with Kerry. She, like her husband, have nothing to hide and are honest people.

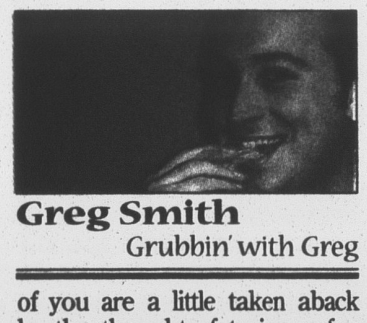
Overall, both ladies would make wonderful first ladies. The two have met and are said to speak to one another often. They even have similar fashion tastes (they both wore the same suit to the first presidential debate).

The only difference between these two classy women is that one married an idiot and one did not.

And that is what is really important here, since we are not voting for Laura or Teresa, but for their husbands.

Russ Mills is a senior politcal science major and Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer, and drinking Starbucks.

Get exotic with Lebanese cuisine in New Castle



Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Do you ever find yourself driving around the surrounding area looking for some delicious authentic foreign cuisine? Are you tired of being constantly bombarded with the exotic culture of the Amish? Do you wish that with a blink of the eye you could be sent halfway around the world to a far off distant land full of magic carpet rides?

Well if you answered yes to all of these questions than you need to see a shrink! However, if you answered yes to the first two questions, what you need is a quick visit to the Café D' Art.

The Café D' Art is a small locally owned restaurant in New Castle on Highlander Avenue that specializes in Lebanese cuisine. Now I'm sure that some of you are a little taken aback by the thought of trying a foreign cuisine that comes from a nation and culture you know very little to nothing about. Have no fear, because the staff of The Café D' Art will make you feel like you're at home, in Lebanon.

The staff at Café D' Art are the friendliest and most accommodating people that I have ever met at any restaurant. They will make you feel at ease because they'll strike up interesting conversations with you that aren't forced or awkward. Aside from being genuinely nice people, they are also very knowledgeable about the menu and the ingredients that go into the different meals. They will walk you through the process of selecting a meal that is sure to satisfy your belly from the very first to the very last morsel of food.

For those of you who have lingering doubts about trying out Café D' Art because of finances, I beg of you to not go through your favorite fast food drive-through. For the six dollars you are willing to spend on some type of artificially altered beef, a basket of fries, and a bucket of soda, you can get a more authentic and rewarding experience at The Café 'D Art.

They offer a variety of sandwiches ranging from chicken to lamb to vegetarian all for about $3! They also offer a variety of Lebanese specialty salads that are served with your choice of dressing, but I recommend trying the house dressing for a more unique experience. Additionally, they offer a variety of entrées that range from beef to lamb to chicken, all of which are served with salad, pita bread, specialty marinades, and rice.

I'm sure that while some of you may be willing to try these delectable items, your friends may not be as willing. Well the good news is that Café D' Art does offer several items such as chicken fingers, hamburgers and specialty white pizza, all of which should be enough to convince your friend to come along for the ride.

However, if your friend is looking for some sexy cheese sauce, this is not the place you'll find it because they don't offer it. While this may seem tragic, they do offer a little item call cheese pies.

The cheese pies consist of a combination of several different types of cheese and parsley rolled up in dough and baked to utter perfection. Trust me the cheese pies totally compensate for the lack of cheese sauce.

In fact, the only way things could get better is if they had cheese sauce to dip the cheese pies into...in case you can't tell I love cheese.

Now it's time to see how The Café D' Art stacks up in terms of the great Twinkie scale. Let's do a quick review of my experience at Café D' Art; friendly and knowledgeable staff, delicious food, cheap prices, and a unique experience. I would say that this particular dining experience adds up to 3 ½ Twinkies out of 4 Twinkies, at least in my opinion. Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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Kerry wins tight race

Bush takes student vote by one in campus election, faculty pushes Kerry to the win

By Sandy Edmiston &
Megan Sigler
Staff Writers

The campus community has spoken in the tightest mock election race to date at Westminster.

Senator John Kerry has secured the vote of the college by a 49.4 percent majority, with President George W. Bush following closely behind by 45.7 percent.

Green Party candidate David Cobb won 4 percent of the votes, while independent Ralph Nader came in dead last with only .9 percent of the campus support.

College Democrats President Greg Smith, while pleased with Kerry's victory, was still surprised at the results.

"I honestly thought Bush would win."

The results represented 249 campus community members. Students accounted for 210 of those votes while 39 faculty and staff members made their voice heard in the election.

However, while Kerry won overall, the students and faculty remain divided on their decision.

If it were up to just the student body, Bush would have won the election. Bush won the students' vote by 48.1 percent, a difference of only one vote.

"If I did not vote, Bush and Kerry would have been tied," Jessica Rummel, president of the College Republicans, said. "This goes to show you what a difference one vote can make."

Students have several reasons to vote in this year's election. Senior Ben Libert supported the majority vote for Kerry for family reasons.

"My mom has been laid off for a year. Four more years of Bush won't be getting my mom a job anytime soon."

Senior Nicole Patterson weighs personal values over economic issues.

"One of the main issues for me is faith and abortion," she said. "How the candidates perceive those issues is how I look at the election. Also, just the way they present themselves. Bush is more genuine with the stuff he says than Kerry is and that means a lot to me."

Not all students are so certain on which candidate they support. Sophomore Jess Limpert admits that she didn't vote in the mock election.

"I still don't know who to vote for," she said.

She does know what issues are important to her, however, citing education, financial help and medical care as three of her main concerns.

Faculty and staff members were much stronger in their support for Kerry, who put their support behind the senator by a 59 percent majority. This does not shock senior Russ Mills, who believes that the faculty and staff tend to vote more liberal.

Dr. Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theater, is one of the many Democratic faculty members who participated in the election.

"Everyone knows I'm a huge Kerry supporter," he said. "Actually, I'm really a big non-Bush supporter."

Republican faculty and staff, however, have made their voices just as clear.

Beth Brooks, secretary of student affairs, eagerly raised her hand in favor of Bush when asked for her political persuasion.

After the results of the mock election, is Brooks worried about Tuesday?

"Absolutely not," she said. "Bush will win the election."

The mock election was sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary society, whose members encouraged the campus community to

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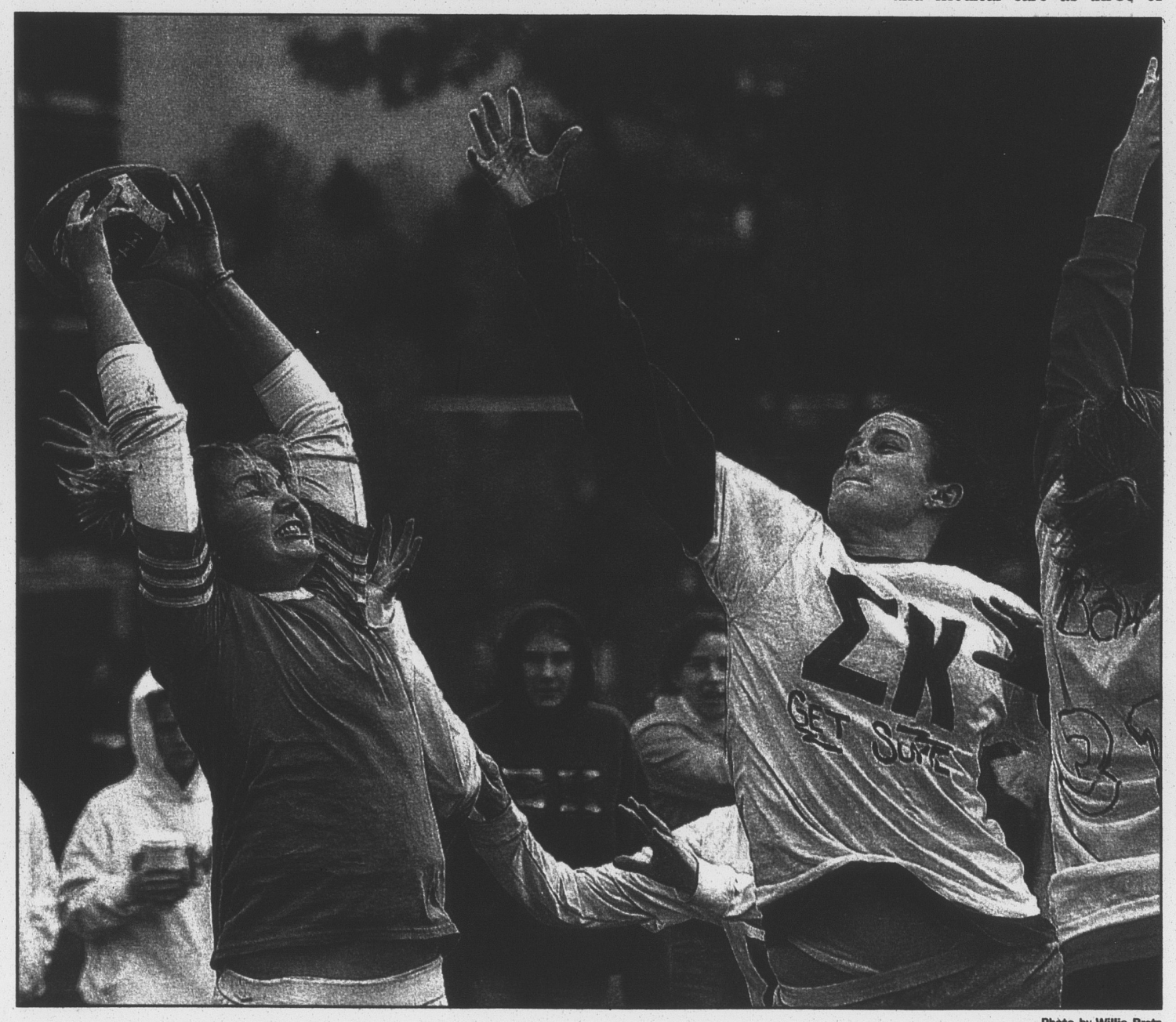

Photo by Willis Bretz

Zeta Tau Alpha Sherri Slafka makes the game winning catch as Sigma Kappa Julie Dwyer leaps in the air to try and stop her during an intense game of powder puff football in the quad. Alpha Gamma Delta sorority won the overall tournament. The brothers of Theta Chi took home the trophy for the best fraternity cheerleaders.

Web redesign provokes stir

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

The traditional blue and white of the Westminster Web site were replaced this month by a rainbow of Crayola-bright colors. This new design is part of the college's new marketing concept, which has been implemented on publications and brochures as well as online.

The job was done by Carnegie Communications, a marketing firm based in New York City, who created what they call "a set of marketing materials that very actually depict the unique personality of Westminster while capitalizing on the factors that really motivate students as they go through the college selection process."

According to senior public relations director Mark Meighen, various marketing concepts were tested on high school juniors, because they compose the audience of prospective students that the college must reach.

"Carnegie conducted its own research on more than 1,000 prospective students to test design concepts and also to test whether our current marketing strategies were resonating with the target audience," Meighen said.

Interviews are also held with a sampling of Westminster veteran faculty members and upper-level students to, as Meighen put it, "help personalize the Westminster story."

The people at Carnegie feel that the new marketing design effectively portrays the image of the college.

"Westminster is such a wonderful school," said Elizabeth Scarborough, vice president of Carnegie. "What we were striving to do through the creation of the new recruitment publications was communicate what the college is really like. We wanted our materials to be accurate and really get at the heart of the college and what makes it special."

While the firm feels that prospective students will be attracted to this change, many students and faculty members aren't won over by the new marketing designs.

Dr. Ed Cohen, associate professor of political science,

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Campus enjoys homecoming festivities

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

Homecoming weekend on October 15-16 brought a large number of Westminster alumni to the college campus. Saturday in particular was filled with excitement – and a number of wins.

Some early celebrations began Friday evening, with a Powder Puff football tournament hosted by the Student Government Association on the quad.

The Student Alumni Association hosted tours for alumni visiting for their 50th reunion.

Junior Laura Zorch, events chair for SAA, enjoyed getting to know some of the alumni on her tour of the campus.

"Interacting with the older alumni was fun," Zorch said. "They have amazing stories from when they were students that they normally don't get to tell. They did way cooler things than we do now. Those folks were big on pranks."

Many of the activities planned during homecoming weekend are centered on the returning graduates. This year, alumni celebrated 25th, 50th and different cluster reunions combining three graduating classes.

SAA and the alumni office planned a memorial chapel service for the class of 1954, an event for returning football players and an open house dinner at President R. Thomas Williamson's house.

Before the football game on Saturday, the town of New Wilmington was lined with onlookers for the annual Homecoming parade.

With the theme of cartoon characters, fraternities and sororities dressed as everything from Snoopy to Scooby Doo to The Smurfs.

Zeta Tau Alpha's Strawberry Shortcake theme was voted first place in this year's parade.

"I enjoy the parade every year," junior Phi Mu Stef Spinelli said. "I was proud of our second place finish!"

The Titans then preceeded to beat the Bethany Bisons 27-21 in front of a stadium packed with band members, fans, alumni and proud parents.

"It's really no different than winning any other game, home or away the feeling is the same after," junior football player Tom Heath said.

The highlight for many students during the weekend is the crowning of king and queen.

Last year's king, independent Tom Oyer, and queen, Sigma Kappa Jaime Carter, crowned the new "royalty,"

Sigma Phi Epsilon Richard Humphrey and Sigma Kappa Amy Schroder.

"Well, it was easy to know who was going to be crowned," said senior Nicole Patterson. "Rich and Amy were both great candidates. They both have personalities you can't help but like."

Humphrey said the best part of the event was representing his fraternity and Westminster College.

"[And] riding in a Lexus convertible was also pretty cool," Humprey said.

This was the third year in a row that a Sigma Kappa was crowned queen.

"It was just very nice to be supported and appreciated. I had a blast the whole day," Schroder said.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Sigma Phi Epsilon Richard Humphrey and Sigma Kappa Amy Schroder win homecoming king and queen.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

I'm proud to be in a generation of fortunate sons.

The only thing you can depend on a computer to do is to not work as intended.

Murphy's Laws rule my life.

It should be called a Peace Studies Lemonadehouse or Cookiehouse.

Today, I am J. Alfred Prufrock. Entreat upon me, and I shall sing you my love song.

Can we fix the clock in the club room so I'm not late for class?

When Cookie Monster needs to eat fruits and vegetables, you know the end is near.

They were doing it so much and so long it became airborne.

Free the presses!

My abs are so stokin' ripped!

I can't help that Family Guy makes me want to have a kid like Stewie.

I am the Lizard Lava!

I like when people stay on the weekend.

Westminster's like a restaurant where you don't pay for the quality of food, but for the atmosphere.

Two please, Dink.

Somebody please make security stop repressing me.

I guess this is growing up.

I unplugged my fridge over break. Yuck.

Did anyone else miss school over break?

You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant.

Oh, the relaxing bagpipes of Flogging Molly.

The moon was delightfully evil Wednesday night.

Faster. Sleeker. Mobile. We are the mobile power people.

Let the past be the past. Tomorrow is the future, let us embrace it and let the present become the past.

I'm not paying my fine.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

OUR VIEW

Campus ranks low on political activity

"Election? What election?"

That is the name of the category that Westminster College has recently been listed under in the Princeton Review's 2005 edition of the Best 357 Colleges. The study was based on the lack of popularity of political and activist groups on campus.

Westminster was ranked number 16 on the list, meaning that out of 357 schools, our very own college has been condemned to having one of the least politically active student bodies in the country.

Even the College of the Ozarks had a better ranking than us. That's right. A school located in a town called Point Lookout, Missouri that ranked second under the category "Is this a library?" supposedly has a more political campus than we do.

Call us crazy, but we at the Holcad just do not agree.

The Princeton Review already bashes us every year for having one of the most homogenous student populations in the country. And frankly, we can't blame them.

Our student body is so white, our campus is often mistaken for a large reflective device in the sun. But who says that middle-class white Presbyterians in the middle of Amish country can't be politically active?

We are proud of our political organizations on campus. After all, the only school with an older mock convention than us is the College of William and Mary, which also happens to be the second oldest institution in the nation and the alma mater of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler.

That makes our second-place ranking pretty impressive, considering that Westminster was founded 160 years after William and Mary.

A wide variety of political beliefs is also present within our student body. We have the College Republicans, the College Democrats and the Green Party.

You cannot go anywhere on campus or open up your e-mail without hearing information about what the parties are doing for the college.

The names Jess Rummel, Greg Smith and Colby King have practically become household names at Westminster.

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But who says that middle-class white Presbyterians in the middle of Amish country can't be politically active?

These groups go above and beyond the call of duty to keep the campus up to date on important election issues and to encourage students to vote.

However, it's not just the student leaders who are passionate about politics. Ask around campus, and you will be surprised to hear the opinions students voice on the election.

We might not all be political science majors, but we have strong beliefs and we know what we want for our country.

Westminster is home to a rich array of opinions, values and insights into the real world.

Just because we live in a little bubble, does not mean that we are not capable of having it popped.

Shut up and play your harmonica: Everyone wants what is best for America during election season

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

As I wandered about the book shelves of Barnes and Noble during fall break I went up and down each aisle, but as usual I stopped at one particular section; the Current Events/Politics Aisle. I always love to visit this section, as it is a chance to get my partisan juices flowing.

As I continued to read title after title, I found the title "Shut Up and Sing: How Hollywood, Politics and the UN are Subverting America" by Laura Ingraham.

As I picked up the paperbacked partisan pile of paper and read the back Ms. Ingraham shows liberals and democrats and how their supposed "lack of national pride, their distaste for religion, and their disregard of American ideals are undermining traditions and values across the country."

Now as a person who is a liberal and a democrat I was very surprised to learn that I apparently have no pride in the United States and that I have a "distaste" for religion.

Apparently being an Eagle Scout and a former alter boy play right into these accusations by Ms. Ingraham.

I found it funny that Ms. Ingraham charges that the elites pervade the liberal end of the political spectrum, yet the conservatives, for the most part, remained the pure bastions of the "every-man".

In reality, both liberals and conservatives are guilty of using celebrity power as a way to expand voter registration and endorse candidates.

While the left has irritating celebrities such as Barbara Streisand and Ben Affleck pushing for them, the right has their own cadre of crazies in folks like Toby Keith (with such 'thrilling' songs as "The Taliban Song") and Gene Simons.

Additionally, if we are talking about "elites", it is only fair to mention folks like Ken Lay (the Enron guy who didn't realize the company was operating illegally because he was too busy campaigning for Bush in 2000) or George Soros (the billionaire who is pouring millions in to ousting President Bush).

Why aren't we concerned with these elites, who seem to have real influence on our political system and way of life?

As I put down Ms. Ingraham's fetid piece of bias, I continued down the aisle and started to think about how the true nature of politics.

Each of the books on the shelves seemed more and more focused on why their opponents are wrong, and not why their opinions are correct.

All political parties (this includes the Green Party, Libertarians, etc...) spend so much time demonizing and yelling about how the wrong everyone else is, I rarely hear exactly what anyone wants to actually do.

Perhaps this is why so many people don't vote in this country.

Politics in America seem like politics of a high school student council. "Don't vote for him, he's a nerd." "Don't vote for her, she's a jock."

The truth of the matter is, no matter what anyone says, is that everyone wants what they think is best for the United States and for the world.

All of us want to be healthy, safe and prosperous, it is simply that we all have different opinions on how we are going to get there.

Differences or changes are not necessarily bad or good, they are neutral. What we do with the changes and differences determines their moral value.

In the end, Barbara Streisand and the Dixie Chicks should shut up and sing, but so should Toby Keith and the Charlie Daniel's Band.

We don't need other people telling us how to vote, especially people who don't exactly live like the majority of Americans.

If you are really going to base your vote on what P. Diddy, Ben Affleck or Arnold Schwarzenegger thinks, then you may consider not voting.

I encourage you to vote for yourself, not for what you think is being required of you.

We have a precious gift of freedom in this nation, please use it responsibly.

I am Rich Marmura and I approve this message.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theater. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

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Notices

Students In Free Enterprise is seeking recognition from the College as a student organization. The mission of SIFE shall be to provide members the best opportunity to make a difference in the community and college. To develop leadership, teamwork and communications skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise, through a focus on finance, global markets, entrepreneurship, and ethics.

Westminster History Interest Group is seeking to be recognized again on the college campus (they disbanded in 1994). There purpose to gain and enhance knowledge of History for all those interested. There goal is to have journal that will encourage scholarly research among undergraduates, to foster learning in regards to the journal process, and to open an inter-campus academic dialogue in a field which crosses all majors.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is seeking recognition from the College as a student organization. There purpose is to promote the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, provide a learning and competitive environment and to promote a team atmosphere. This club sport is open to men and women.

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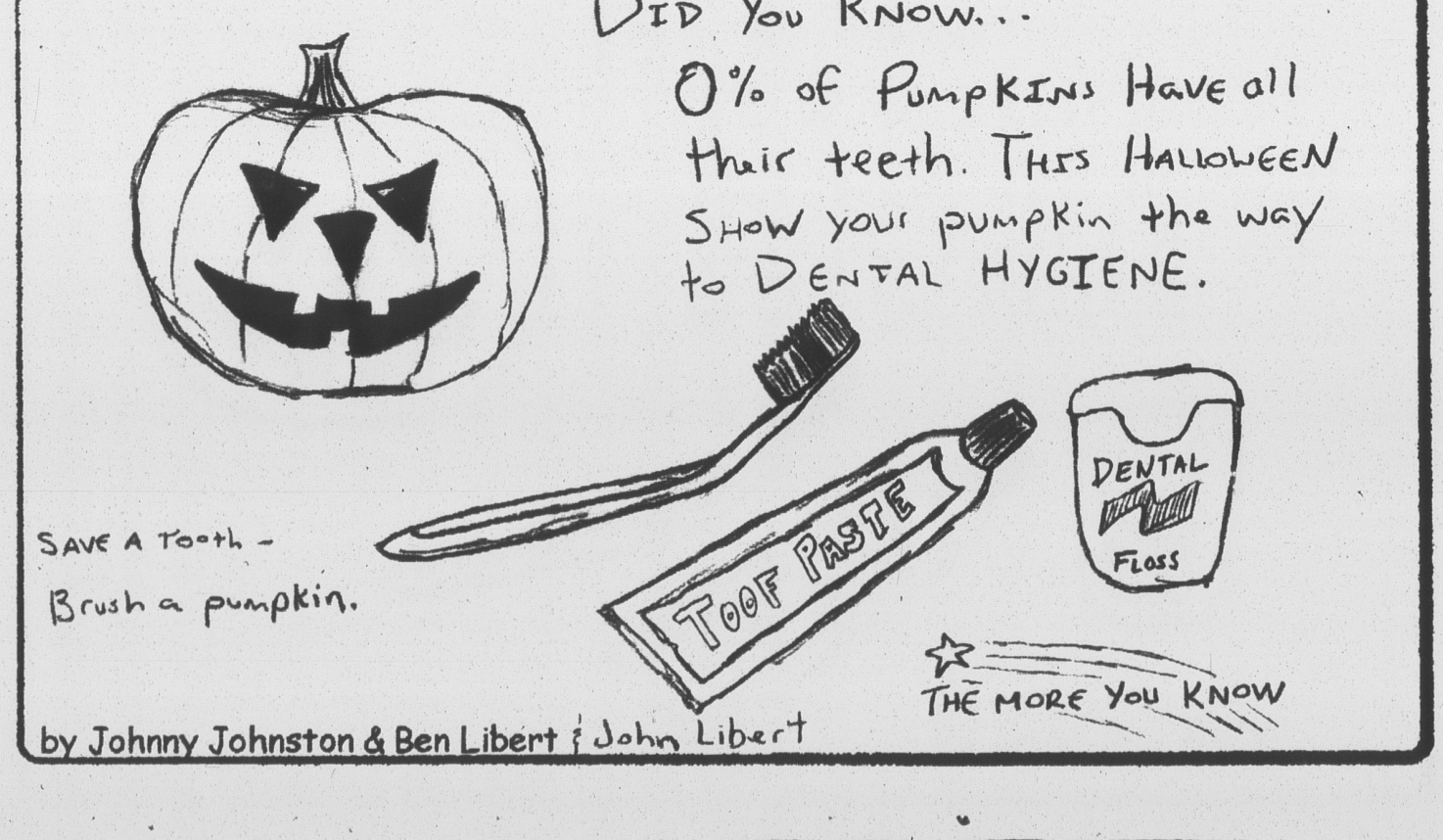

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Outside the Bubble

REGIONAL

Turnpike Commission prepares for possible strike

By the Associated Press

If toll collectors follow through on a threat to strike, cash-paying drivers would pay a flat fee of $2 for any trip on the 531-mile highway system, turnpike officials said.

Under the contingency plan, passenger vehicles using the E-ZPass automatic toll-collection system would be billed at the usual rates, up to a maximum of $2 per trip.

Commercial freight would pay a flat fee of $15, and the rate would be capped at $15 for commercial E-ZPass vehicles.

Nonunion employees also have been trained to staff tollbooths and are on standby.

Toll collectors have never walked off the job in the turnpike's 64-year history.

Negotiations between the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and its 2,000 unionized workers broke off Monday.

"They indicated that they reserved the right to strike at any time," turnpike spokesman Bill Capone said. "When asked if they would be providing us with any advance notice, they told us they would not."

Members of the Teamsters Locals 77 and 250, which represent toll collectors, maintenance workers and office employees, have been working under the terms of a contract that expired Sept. 30, 2003.

Mike Rogers, 54, a toll collector at Valley Forge, said health-care and retirement benefits are at the core of the dispute.

"We don't have to walk," Rogers said. "Don't touch our medical."

Crime rate drops in Pa., but murder rate is on the rise

PHILADELPHIA - Crime rates continued to fall in Pennsylvania last year, with one bothersome exception.

The murder rate ticked upward for the second time in four years, giving the state roughly 8 percent more homicides per capita than it had in 1999.

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter claimed 651 victims in the state in 2003, up from 624 a year earlier, according to an annual FBI crime report.

The increase gave Pennsylvania a rate of roughly 5.3 killings for every 100,000 residents, a number close to the national average.

Pennsylvanians were a hair more likely to be murdered last year than a resident of New York or New Jersey, but slightly less likely than someone living in Florida or Indiana.

Murder rates have been largely unchanged in Pennsylvania in recent years, staying at a level only slightly above what the state saw in 1999.

Other types of crime have continued to slowly fall, despite the sluggish economy.

The property crime rate is down 9.7 percent since 1999, and the overall rate of violent crime has fallen by 5.4 percent during that period.

The number of forcible rapes per 100,000 people fell from 30 to 29 last year, but reported rapes still remained about 5.5 percent higher than they were in 1999.

The FBI's statistics are based on reports filed by police departments around the country.

NATIONAL

Student sues district over policy on religious expression

By William Kates
Associated Press Writer

LIVERPOOL, N.Y. - A fourth-grader claims a school district violated her Constitutional rights to free speech and equal protection by refusing to allow her to distribute "personal statement" fliers to other students because they carried a religious message.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in U.S. District Court against the Liverpool Central School District by Nicole Martin and her daughter, Michaela Bloodgood, a fourth-grader at Nate Perry Elementary School.

"This is nothing less than viewpoint discrimination," said Mat Staver, an attorney and executive director of Liberty Counsel, an Orlando, Fla.-based conservative legal group, which is representing Bloodgood.

"The idea that people would think the district was endorsing Michaela's statements is simply absurd. Schools do not endorse everything they allow students to distribute," Staver said.

Staver said religious speech is constitutionally protected even in the public schools. He said school officials had no right to single out Michaela's religious literature for disfavored treatment.

"She has every right to express her religious views in this way, and we intend to fight to protect her rights," Staver said. Liverpool Superintendent Jan Matousek was not immediately available for comment.

According to the 16-page lawsuit, beginning when her daughter was in third-grade, Martin three times tried to obtain permission from school district officials so that Michaela could pass out a homemade "personal statement" flier to other students, but was denied each time. The last time was in September.

The flier, about the size of a greeting card, starts out: "Hi! My name is Michaela and I would like to tell you about my life and how Jesus Christ gave me a new one." The flier then mentions five ways in which Jesus had come into her life.

Staver said Michaela never intended to distribute her flier during class time and that Martin's requests to school officials indicated that her daughter would hand them out only during "non-instructional time," such as on the bus before school, lunch, recess and after school.

Or, as the lawsuit put it, a time when "students are free to talk to each other about any topic, including religion, draw pictures, pass notes, and do school work."

Speakers urge creation of college

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - A string of speakers Wednesday urged representatives of the state Council of Higher Education to support creation of a four-year college in the Martinsville area.

And while all supported a college, most favored a model that is being supported by a philanthropist group that has made a $50 million matching pledge toward the school's establishment in Henry County.

The hearing Wednesday was one of a series of town hall meetings being held by the state council to gather comments on the need and desirability of setting up a new four-year college in Southside.

The meeting at Patrick Henry Community College drew several hundred people.

"We want the college," Martinsville Mayor Joe Cobbe said. "We want an institution of higher learning here ... . The community needs education."

OFF CAMPUS

Ex-terrorist speaks about Nazi regime

By Anne Hainer
Collegian Staff Writer

Walid Shoebat announced last night that the "brutal truth" needs to be told and proceeded to tell it.

Shoebat, a former Palestine Liberation Organization terrorist, spoke about terrorism in the Middle East to a nearly full 26 Hosler building, an audience of about 200.

"The truth is Nazi Germany is still alive and well — it just took a religious twist," he said. "... Islamic fanaticism is growing in 55 Arab states and if we allow it to grow we will be dealing with more than one Nazi Germany."

Shoebat, now a Christian, described what he called "the portions of Islam he learned" while growing up in Jordan and Palestine.

"When I was growing up I heard the Arab community call for the destruction of Israel, for us to throw all Jews into the sea," he said.

Shoebat continued a parallel of Nazi Germany and Islamic terrorism throughout the lecture.

"The societies are engulfed by everybody wanting to die for a cause. ... This breeds incredible loyalty, because once you're special nothing else matters," he said.

The Middle East education system is causing the main problem with Israel, Shoebat said, because certain historical events like the Holocaust are considered myths.

"Everything we saw as children was Islamic," he said.

Shoebat described demonstrations and public violence in Bethlehem and Jerusalem that he said were ignored by the international community.

"We had massacres ... galore when I was growing up, and CNN wasn't there; nobody cared," he said.

After speaking on the state of Israel and Middle East relations, Shoebat delved into how he thought a change in the situation needed to be handled.

"I will die for the rights of an atheist to exercise atheism because that is his right and that is what this country is about — everyone has rights," Shoebat said. "That is what I want for my country. ... The secret to a good society and culture is how we treat minorities."

Shoebat summed up what he called the "enigma" of Islamic fundamentalist terrorists before going into the question-and-answer section.

"When I hated Jews I was a freedom fighter. ... Now that I don't, I am called a racist ... and would be killed if I went home," he said.

Brian Baker (sophomore-telecommunications) said the lecture was "eye opening."

"...It is amazing that all this happens under the radar and we really have no idea what is going on in the world," he said.

Heather Lake (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said she was interested in Shoebat's point of view.

"Formerly being Muslim and having views against Israel, and to change his life completely — it's just incredible," she said.

The event was co-sponsored by a number of PSU organizations.

INTERNATIONAL

British troops in Iraq begin deployment north to replace U.S. forces; militants threaten to behead Japanese hostage

By Rawya Rageh
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Nearly 800 British forces left their base in southern Iraq on Wednesday, heading north toward Baghdad to replace U.S. troops who are expected to take part in an offensive against insurgent strongholds.

The deployment came hours after Iraq's most feared militant group released a video threatening to behead a Japanese captive within 48 hours unless Japan withdraws its troops from Iraq. Japan's prime minister took a tough stance and rejected any troop withdrawal.

Large flatbed trucks were seen carrying armored British vehicles up a road through Iraq's southern desert as the redeployment began for the nearly 800 Scottish soldiers of the First Battalion, Black Watch, headquartered in Basra.

"We can confirm that there is some movement," said British military spokesman Maj. Charlie Mayo. He gave no specifics on troop numbers, citing security concerns.

British officials have been vague on the precise destination, though the troops are expected to deploy in an area just south of Baghdad.

Some media reports indicated the Black Watch would be sent to Iskandariyah, a town that sees frequent violence between the capital and the city of Hillah.

The soldiers' families expressed worries Wednesday that the redeployment puts the troops in greater danger.

"It wasn't a cake walk in Basra but it's going to be a lot, lot more dangerous up there," said James Buchanan, 56, from Arbroath in central Scotland, who has two sons with the regiment in Iraq. "They're going to get one hell of a kicking this time," he said.

The troops are to replace U.S. forces who are expected to take part in offensives against insurgent strongholds west and north of the capital in an attempt to bring order to Iraq before elections in January.

The American military wants the British to assume security responsibility in areas close to Baghdad, so U.S. Marines and soldiers can be shifted to insurgency strongholds west of the capital, including Fallujah.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to agree to the U.S. request for redeployment is a politically sensitive one for the British leader, whose popularity has plummeted because of his support for the Iraq war.

Britain's 8,500 troops are based around the southern port city of Basra in a relatively peaceful area of Iraq. Sixty-eight British soldiers have been killed in Iraq, compared with more than 1,000 U.S. troops.

The political pressure mounted with last week's kidnapping of British aid worker Margaret Hassan, who heads CARE International's operations in Iraq.

Hassan, 59, who also holds Iraqi and Irish citizenship, was kidnapped on her way to work in Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility.

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday that more extremists are massing in Fallujah and warned of increasing terrorist attacks to come.

On Saturday, insurgents ambushed and executed about 50 unarmed Iraqi soldiers as they were heading home from a U.S. military training camp northeast of Baghdad.

On Wednesday, a motorcycle bomber attacked a U.S. convoy in central Iraq, killing one American soldier and wounding another, the U.S. military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier killed was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

In the hostage drama, a video of the Japanese captive was posted on a militant Web site Tuesday, and the al-Qaida-linked militant group led by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi vowed to kill the hostage within 48 hours unless the 500 Japanese troops in Iraq leave the country.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi rejected the demands.

"The Self-Defense Forces will not withdraw," he said. "I cannot allow terrorism and cannot bow to terrorism."

The captive was identified by the Japanese government as 24-year-old Shosei Koda. He spoke briefly in halting English and Japanese, addressing himself to Koizumi.

"They asked me why Japanese government broke the law and sent troops to Iraq," the man said in English. "They want Japanese government and Koizumi prime minister, they want to withdraw the Japanese troops from Iraq or cut my head."

He then paused, sighed and switched into Japanese.

"Mr. Koizumi. They seek the withdrawal of Japanese Self-Defense Forces... (and say they) will take my head off," the captive said. "I'm sorry. I want to return to Japan again."

The video's authenticity could not be independently confirmed.

Tokyo has dispatched some 500 troops to the southern Iraqi city of Samawah on a humanitarian mission to purify water and rebuild schools in support of U.S.-led reconstruction efforts.

The video claimed that Koda was connected to the Japanese military, but the government denied that. Friends and relatives suggested Koda had gone to Iraq as a tourist.

Estimated 100,000 Iraqis may have died in war

By Emma Ross
AP Medical Writer

LONDON - A survey of deaths in Iraqi households estimates that as many as 100,000 more people may have died throughout the country in the 18 months since the U.S.-led invasion than would be expected based on the death rate before the war.

There is no official figure for the number of Iraqis killed since the conflict began, but some non-governmental estimates range from 10,000 to 30,000. As of Wednesday, 1,081 U.S. servicemen had been killed, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

The scientists who wrote the report concede that the data they based their projections on were of "limited precision," because the quality of the information depends on the accuracy of the household interviews used for the study. The interviewers were Iraqi, most of them doctors.

Designed and conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University and the Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad, the study is being published Thursday on the Web site of The Lancet medical journal.

The survey indicated violence accounted for most of the extra deaths seen since the invasion, and airstrikes from coalition forces caused most of the violent deaths, the researchers wrote in the British-based journal.

"Most individuals reportedly killed by coalition forces were women and children," they said.

The report was released just days before the U.S. presidential election, and the lead researcher said he wanted it that way. The Lancet routinely publishes papers on the Web before they appear in print, particularly if it considers the findings of urgent public health interest.

Those reports then appear later in the print issue of the journal. The journal's spokesmen said they were uncertain which print issue the Iraqi report would appear in and said it was too late to make Friday's issue, and possibly too late for the Nov. 5 edition.

Les Roberts, the lead researcher from Johns Hopkins, said the article's timing was up to him.

"I emailed it in on Sept. 30 under the condition that it came out before the election," Roberts told The Asocciated Press. "My motive in doing that was not to skew the election. My motive was that if this came out during the campaign, both candidates would be forced to pledge to protect civilian lives in Iraq.

"I was opposed to the war and I still think that the war was a bad idea, but I think that our science has transcended our perspectives," Roberts said. "As an American, I am really, really sorry to be reporting this."

Richard Peto, an expert on study methods who was not involved with the research, said the approach the scientists took is a reasonable one to investigate the Iraq death toll.

However, it's possible that they may have zoned in on hotspots that might not be representative of the death toll across Iraq, said Peto, a professor of medical statistics at Oxford University in England.

Lancet editor Richard Horton wrote in an editorial accompanying the survey that more household clusters would have improved the precision of the report, "but at an enormous and unacceptable risk to the team of interviewers."

"This remarkable piece of work represents the efforts of a courageous team of scientists," he wrote.

To conduct the survey, investigators visited 33 neighborhoods spread evenly across the country in September, randomly selecting clusters of 30 households to sample. Of the 988 households visited, 808, consisting of 7,868 people, agreed to participate. Each group At each one they asked how many people lived in the home and how many births and deaths there had been since January 2002.

The scientists then compared death rates in the 15 months before the invasion with those that occurred during the 18 months after the attack and adjusted those numbers to account for the different time periods.

Even though the sample size appears small, this type of survey is considered accurate and acceptable by scientists and was used to calculate war deaths in Kosovo in the late 1990s.

However, more than a third of the post-invasion deaths were reported in one cluster of households in the city Fallujah, where fighting has been most intense recently. Because the fighting was so severe there, the numbers from that location may have exaggerated the overall picture.

Campus News

Eichenauer lounge destroyed

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 17, the study lounge in Eichenauer hall was vandalized by an unknown party. Security is currently looking for suspects so the rest of Eichenauer will not have to pay a fine.

The study lounge, formerly the career center, was vandalized between 11:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. During that time, two separate disturbances were reported. The first incident involved chairs and tables being overturned.

The second incident is when most of the vandalizing happened. During this time, the doors to the lounge, as well as many more inside the center, were kicked in.

The ceiling fan was destroyed, holes were punched in the drywall and tables were broken. The vandals did roughly one to two thousand dollars worth of damage. The residents of Eichenauer Hall face a fine unless the guilty party is found.

According to Dean of Security John Lechner, an e-mail was sent out to the residents in the building.

Investigations are currently underway and students are being asked to report any information about the study lounge to Lechner, Eichenauer Resident Director Jonathan Strine or campus security. "This is still a security issue," Strine said. "We're closing in on our search."

The study lounge vandalism is the largest act of vandalism that the college has seen since last year, when students tipped over a generator that was being used to repair the foot bridge between Russell Hall and Galbreath Hall.

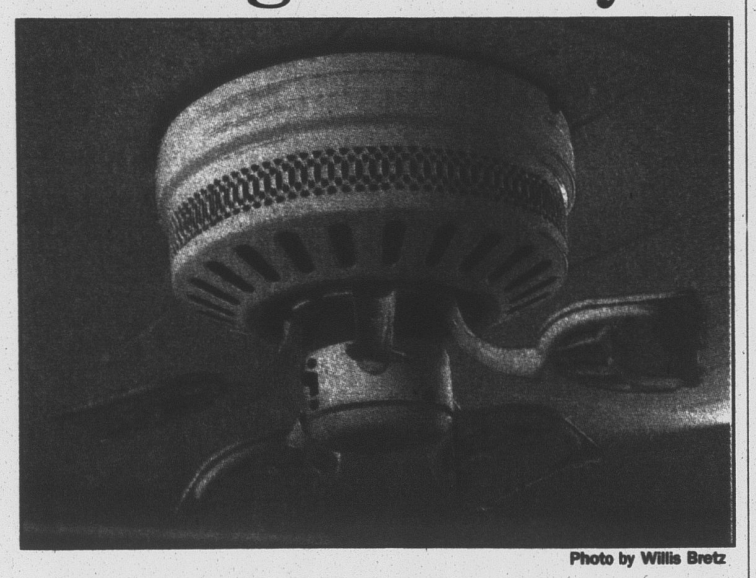

Photo by Willis Bretz

Blades were broken off of a ceiling fan in the study lounge and the door entering the lounge was destroyed.

All other acts of vandalizing since then have been on a small scale and below campus notice.

Despite the fact that all of Eichenauer Hall may have to pay a fine, the students in the building have not given any solid evidence of who is responsible."I'm really disappointed that we haven't heard who did it yet. Everyone over there is a victim because they no longer have use of the study lounge and everyone has to pay for it," Lechner said.

Despite the fact that an e-mail went out, many students are not aware of the vandalizing and feel that the investigation seems to be heavily guarded from the public.

"I wish the school would keep us more up to date on this kind of stuff," sophomore William Giles said.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Molly Mistretta dis agrees."In the residence halls, we've been fortunate that vandalizing is not that big of a problem," Mistretta said. "There is not a conspiracy to keep students in the dark."

Photo by Willis Bretz

The study lounge is currently under repair and should be open to the public again in two to three weeks.

McKelvey offers advice to students

By Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Andrew J. McKelvey, businessman and Westminster alumnus, spoke to a packed crowd of students on Monday night, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. about taking risks and finding ideal jobs.

McKelvey, the namesake for the McKelvey Campus Center, is also a CEO for the online job-finding service, Monster.com.

"What's the secret to success?" McKelvey asked at one point.

A plethora of students answered everything ranging from "risk," to "failure," to "trying." McKelvey, though he admitted some good answers, only shook his head.

He dismissed the notion that good grades in college will equate success.

"There are a lot of really smart people with no money," McKelvey said. "And a lot of really dumb people with lots."

"The secret of success is one word. It's timing. Being in the right place at the right time. Timing."

Two pieces of advice stood out in McKelvey's talk. His first advice to students was that gain only comes in the world through risk.

"Opportunity will come up in your personal and professional life," McKelvey said. "And most of the time, you will recognize them."

The question, McKelvey posits, is a matter of whether or not the risk will be taken.

"I see it all the time, over and over," he said. "People won't take the risk."

Likewise, he is an advocate of hard-nosed persistence for finding the ideal job.

He posed a question to the audience, asking if they would work twelve hours a day and six days a week if it meant doing the ideal job, being paid $3000 more, and getting the career they desired.

Then, he posed a second question, asking that if a person is willing to work 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. once they have the job, how long will he probably spend looking for that job to begin with?

McKelvey's answer was that most people only spend a few hours a week on the actual job hunt.

"The more e-mails you send, the more phone calls you make, the more people will interview you," McKelvey said, advocating students put long hours into the job hunt. "If everyone in the room was looking for a job, applying these kind of metrics, you'd get some good job offers."

In one example, McKelvey talked about a meeting with the CEO of a temp firm, who makes his business on how fast they can fill positions that require temps.

McKelvey said that 30 percent of the positions go unfilled.

"Good people are very difficult to find," McKelvey said. "And it's going to get worse."

McKelvey also left ample time at the end of his talk for discussion and questions.

Kerry

Campus election results swayed by faculty

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cast their votes on October 27-28 during lunch in the McKelvey Center.

The mock election was preceded by a mock presidential debate on Tuesday evening, also sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha.

About 70 people attended Tuesday night, listening to candidates' responses to questions and asking some of their own.

Three students debated as presidential candidates.

Senior Dennis Buffone spoke as Bush, senior Richard Marmura represented Kerry and sophomore Colby King portrayed Cobb.

While all three mock candidates come from extremes politically from their fellow presidential nominees, they all enjoyed the chance to discuss the issues that have been the hot topics this fall.

"I truly enjoy debating and talking about politics, especially with people like Dennis and Colby who are as passionate about it as I am," he said.

"I hope the debate provided a chance for those watching to see the distinct differences between the candidates and the issues."

King agreed with Marmura. "It was fun to participate in the debate. The questions were interesting and the audience was attentive."

"It was also a great chance for people to understand where each party is on the issues. People have stereotypes of the Green Party and all the parties, that aren't necessarily true," he said.

Buffone echoes similar sentiments.

"Too many times do people on both sides of the spectrum vote uninformed," he said.

"Being educated is not about accepting things at face value. It's about basing your decisions on facts and evidence, not on rhetoric and circumstance. Both sides do way too much of that."

Rummel, who organized the debate, believes that a college education requires you to inform yourself about politics.

"I think more people are paying attention than before," Rummel said.

"For all of us it's the first year of being in college during a presidential election. I think college forces you to pay attention. There are still a lot of people who are uninformed, though."

With only a few days left until the action election on Tuesday, November 2, students have a short amount of time to make up their minds.

Groups such as Pi Sigma Alpha, the College Republicans, the College Democrats and the Green Party are doing their part to ensure that students have access to that critical information that will help them do so.

For any questions on how to vote on Tuesday, contact Rummel or Smith. County election bureaus are also available for assistance.

Redesign

Site modifications fail to impress students, faculty

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feels that the school's voice flirts with an incorrect message.

"The modifications to the Web site design are horrible, especially the multi-colored Westminster logo at the top," he said. "As it is now, the Web site sends an image of frivolity, rather than academic and intellectual seriousness.

"As a professional who is concerned how the institution appears to colleagues around the nation and the world, I find it embarrassing, and worry about its effect on the college's image and reputation."

While he understands that it is important for view books and other admissions material to attract the attention of prospective students, he does not feel the same changes should be reflected on the Web site.

"The Web page is the way the college presents itself to the whole world, not just potential students."

An overwhelming number of students agree with Cohen's evaluation.

"I think Dolly Parton said it best when she said it cost a lot to look this cheap," junior Stephanie Nicholson said.

Andrew McKelvey, alumnus and CEO of Monster.com, made his fortune in the online business and does not feel the Web site is accomplishing the mission it should.

"It just looks wrong. The graphics aren't strong enough. Nothing seems to be highlighted," he said. "Where are you driving me? Are you driving me to WC or Google? It needs prioritizing."

Douglas Swartz, dean of admissions and enrollment, however, believes this new Web site is more driving.

"While the navigation stays the same, I think it (the site) is more readily apparent with the colored words" he said.

To create this image, Meighen adds that while Carnegie "did some admissions publications and research. Carnegie did not create the Web site."

Westminster Webmaster Jonathan Smith created the site based on Meighen's recommendations.

"Major functionality improvements were implemented last year, and the plan was to create a consistent visual impression for prospective students by adapting the look of the view book to the masthead and flash sequences" said Meighen.

According to Professor Ellen Brier, dean of students at Peabody College, at Vanderbilt in Nashville, she feels the masthead and flash sequences showcase "a lot of smoke and mirrors.

"It's sexy, but it isn't truth."

Brier says that she has long since felt the marketing crunch due to the overwhelming number of nationally acclaimed colleges vying for the lot of prospectives. With that in mind, Brier thinks that it's absolutely crucial for the college to create an image that stands out.

Carnegie's done the marketing for more than 150 other colleges and the goal of this marketing is no different; it's to "get at the heart of the college and what makes it special."

"What makes us special is a world class faculty, the strength of our academic majors, and our liberal studies emphasis," said Dr. Deborah C. Mitchell, associate professor of English and PR.

"Our website and marketing materials should reflect this so we can attract students who want to expand their opportunities and seek new adventures, students who get excited about learning," she added.

But Brier argues that this marketing is not meant to attract the faculty, but to attract prospective students.

"It just looks wrong. Are you driving me to WC or Google?"

Andrew McKelvey

It's not really about if we like it right now. It's about how our demographic of 12-17 year olds will look at it.

Douglas Swartz

"It isn't about the educators. You want a home page that will attract an age group, a certain type. You want to create a comfy recliner, not an ergonometric desk chair."

Swartz is not interested in the complaints of the students and faculty members. "It's not really about if we like it right now. It's about how our demographic of 12-17 year olds will look at it."

The college caters to the 12-year-old demographic because they process information differently than students from prior generations.

"The hope is that the prospective will get the brochure and then go look at the Web site" said Swartz.

According to a study out of Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh, a child gains additional neural pathways as a result of working with computers and video games.

"This is why the flashy appeal is what drives them to certain sites," said Brier.

The "flashy appeal" also highlights a reason why the college is sponsoring Hot 101's "Usher Dream Week" giveaway.

"This promotion maximizes the impact of our advertising expenditure in that market and creates a buzz that commercials alone can't accomplish" said Meighen. While the college would not say exactly how much was spent on the new marketing, Carnegie does say that colleges usually spend anywhere from $50,000 to $250,000 on a family of recruitment publications for about two years.

Swartz says that the Web site and brochures will look this way for the next four years adding that SAT scores and the number of incoming freshman will remain also the same.

All marketing should be finalized by the early spring.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 72	High 64	High 64	High 61	High 56	High 54	High 51
Low 49	Low 44	Low 47	Low 44	Low 38	Low 34	Low 30
Variably cloudy, a t-storm	Partly sunny and pleasant	Afternoon rain possible	Rain possible in the morning	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Cloudy with a chance of rain

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:50 a.m.	6:19 p.m.
Sunday	6:51 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Monday	6:53 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Tuesday	6:54 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	6:55 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	7:39 p.m.	10:28 a.m.
Sunday	7:19 p.m.	10:31 a.m.
Monday	8:07 p.m.	11:29 a.m.
Tuesday	9:01 p.m.	12:19 p.m.
Wednesday	10:01 p.m.	1:02 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26

Weather History

Much of Saudi Arabia is a desert, but on Oct. 31, 1984, a thunderstorm poured 4.81 inches of rain on Al Wajh. This is more rain than their total for the previous 10 years.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	70	48	t	62	48	pc	62	47	r	59	41	r	53	39	c
Butler, PA	70	50	t	64	48	pc	60	50	r	56	40	r	57	39	pc
Cambridge, OH	74	50	t	68	46	pc	68	52	r	62	44	r	57	41	pc
Canton, OH	71	48	t	65	47	pc	63	48	r	60	41	r	54	40	pc
Cincinnati, OH	70	50	t	66	48	pc	64	50	t	62	38	r	56	40	s
Clarion, PA	67	47	t	60	43	pc	62	45	sh	61	43	r	52	38	c
Clarksburg, WV	74	53	t	68	47	pc	73	55	r	63	40	r	57	38	pc
Cleveland, OH	72	50	t	64	48	pc	64	49	r	59	43	r	56	40	pc
Columbus, OH	73	50	t	65	50	pc	62	50	t	59	43	r	55	42	pc
Cumberland, MD	73	52	t	68	48	pc	64	47	sh	63	43	r	59	40	pc
Erie, PA	73	52	t	61	48	pc	64	48	sh	60	42	r	54	41	pc
Franklin, PA	67	47	t	60	42	pc	61	45	sh	61	42	r	52	38	c
Greensburg, PA	71	52	t	66	49	pc	65	51	r	63	44	r	57	42	pc
Greenville, PA	70	49	t	62	44	pc	63	47	sh	60	42	r	54	38	c
Grove City, PA	69	49	t	62	45	pc	62	47	r	61	41	r	55	37	pc
Hagerstown, MD	72	52	t	68	48	pc	66	48	sh	62	44	r	63	40	s
Indiana, PA	73	53	t	68	49	pc	62	52	r	67	43	r	59	41	pc
Jamestown, NY	64	48	sh	56	43	pc	59	45	sh	57	43	r	52	37	pc
Kittanning, PA	71	52	t	66	49	pc	63	51	r	65	42	r	59	41	pc
Lisbon, OH	70	49	t	63	46	pc	63	48	r	59	42	r	55	39	c
Mansfield, OH	71	46	t	58	44	pc	60	43	t	58	39	r	54	38	pc
Marietta, OH	74	54	t	69	49	pc	69	54	r	65	42	r	57	41	pc
McKeesport, PA	70	52	t	66	50	pc	66	50	r	62	46	r	56	41	pc
Meadville, PA	66	48	t	60	46	pc	63	46	sh	60	43	r	51	39	c
Morgantown, WV	76	53	t	69	50	pc	70	52	r	67	41	r	58	41	pc
New Castle, PA	72	50	t	64	46	pc	64	48	r	61	42	r	57	40	pc
Oil City, PA	68	48	t	61	43	pc	62	45	sh	61	43	r	53	38	c
Pittsburgh, PA	72	52	t	66	48	pc	66	48	r	62	42	r	57	40	pc
Sharon, PA	71	49	t	63	43	pc	64	47	r	59	42	r	55	39	c
Somerset, PA	67	49	t	62	48	pc	57	44	r	60	39	sh	51	36	pc
Steubenville, OH	72	51	t	68	49	pc	66	52	r	61	40	r	56	40	pc
Uniontown, PA	73	51	t	69	47	pc	68	52	r	65	40	r	58	39	pc
Warren, OH	72	49	t	64	44	pc	64	48	r	59	42	r	55	39	c
Washington, PA	70	50	t	69	43	pc	64	51	r	62	39	r	56	39	pc
Waynesburg, PA	72	51	t	68	46	pc	67	51	r	64	39	r	57	40	pc
Wheeling, WV	74	51	t	67	50	pc	66	54	r	60	41	r	57	40	pc
Youngstown, OH	73	49	t	63	43	pc	64	48	r	59	42	r	55	39	c
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Sports

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Yankees and Sox represent best of both worlds in the Major Leagues

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Over the course of the playoffs, one distinct fact about Major League Baseball became increasingly clear.

No middle ground exists. There is "The Evil Empire" and "The Red Sox Nation."

In other words, the baseball world consists of the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. In the eyes of the media and fans, all other teams are also-rans.

Yes, finally, for Red Sox fans, Boston overcame nearly ninety years of backburnership by defeating New York to earn the right to battle the St. Louis Cardinals for the World Series Championship.

However, though, the Red Sox won this season, as an avid Red Sox fan, I've come to respect (and envy) the Yankees dominance over baseball for nearly 100 years.

The purpose of this article, however, is not to compare success with futility, or to count World Series titles. I aim to examine the juxtaposition of character between two of baseball's premiere franchises.

Team management offers the first lens for examining the differences between the teams.

On the one hand, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner conducts business in an entrepreneurial Trump-like fashion. He is as powerful as any owner in all of professional sports.

To Mr. Steinbrenner, the Yankees provide the arena for competition at its highest level.

On the other, Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein manages the organization in a youthful, optimistic manner, reflective of his Bostonian upbringing.

The Red Sox are more loosely mannered and that trickles down from management to the players.

Steinbrenner's business savvy influences a roster comprised of clean-shaven, well-groomed, well-behaved professionals.

The Yankees, then, with their smooth faces, clean pinstripes, and groomed hairstyles, exude class and evidence decades of success that stretches back to Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, and Mickey Mantle.

Contrarily, the Red Sox roster represents an inner-"Animal House." Ironically, it is this group of misfits, facing elimination in game four of the League Championship Series, harkened the "It Ain't Over" mantra of John "Bluto" Blutarsky.

Thus, it is the Yankees, who embody baseball's standard of excellence, while the Red Sox embody baseball's standard of teamwork.

Teams playoff bound

Men's and women's soccer teams remain at top of PACs

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans soccer team traveled to the west coast for a tournament over fall break, and the California sun deemed to be too bright for the lady Titans as they lost to Chapman College 3-0.

Chapman was able to sneak into halftime with a one-goal lead and was able to add two more onto to it in the second half to beat down the Titans. The ladies were surprisingly out shot 20-4 and also had the short end of the stick on corner kicks. Senior Nicole Drummond took goal for the Titans as she made six saves in the loss. The tournament closed with another loss, 1-0 in overtime to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

On Tuesday, the ladies bounced back with a big win over Waynesburg, 8-0. Each goal scored in the game was put in the net by a different player: Sarah Calderone, who posted a goal and two assists, while four other players - sophomore midfielder Courtney Thompson and freshman forwards Scarlett Bretz, Andrea Michalenko and Olivia Wilkerso - each posted a goal and an assist. Other players scoring goals included senior midfielder Katie Fisher, sophomore forward Christa Andamasaris and freshman midfielder Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman.

Regular seaon play wraps up on Saturday, with a rematch against PAC rival, Bethany College.

The men took their game under the lights for a Homecoming match up against Bethany College last Saturday.

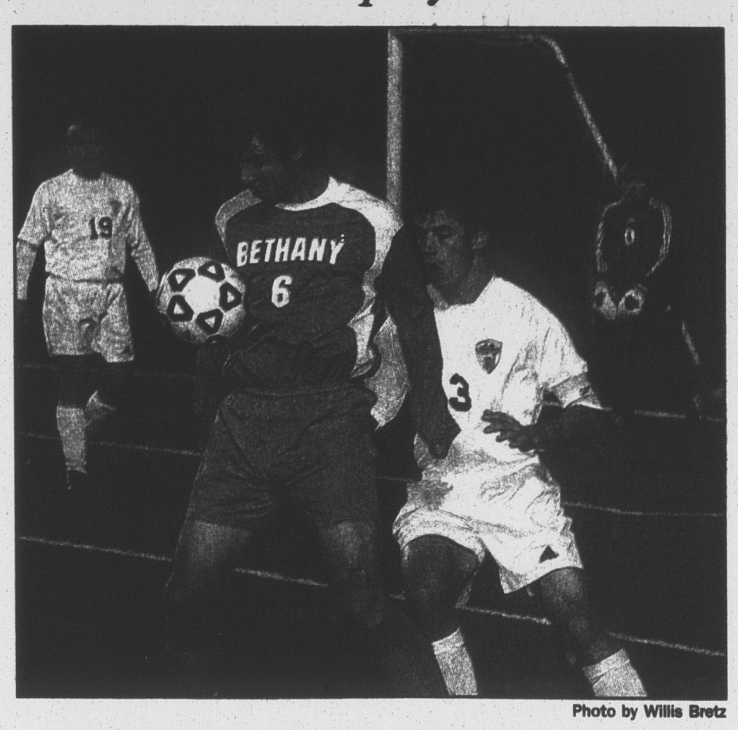


Photo by Willis Bretz

Nick White defends the Titans' goal during the intense match-up against Bethany on October 16 at Wilmington Greyhound Stadium.

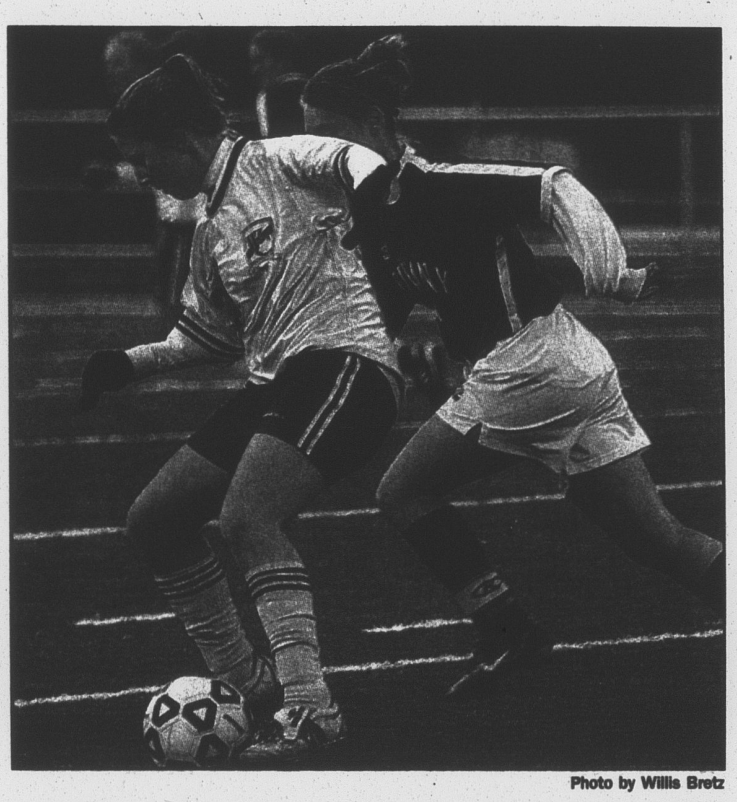


Photo by Willis Bretz

Stephanie Toth helps to push the Titans' offense upfield against Bethany College.

The Titans turned up the heat as they defeated the Bison, 3-1. The Titan victory also ended the Bison four game win streak.

After a lack luster first half, the Titans grabbed the lead early in the second half when Senior Sedastian Driver scosed the first goal. The Titans netted their second goal of the game in the 66th minute, off the foot of freshman Garrett Horvath. The Titans then continued their dominance by pounding in a third goal from senior Zach Saxman late in the contest to finish off Bethany. Freshman goalie Chris Passione earned his second win in goal for the Titans in relief action for Anthony Beilstein. The two combined to make three saves in the victory.

Injured senior star defender Christian Davoli said the atmosphere that night was unbeatable. "It was senior night, so you could tell that we were ready to play," Davoli said. "Playing under the lights, the excitement of the fans, and the pride of the seniors on their night was the perfect formula for over coming Bethany. They didn't know what hit them."

The men next took on and shut out Waynesburg 5-0, increasing the win streak to three.

The Titans opened the game perfectly, as freshman Andy Saporito found the back of the net just four minutes into the game. Soon after, senior Sebastian Driver gave the Titans a 2-0 advantage. The Titans netted three more insurance goals to close out Waynesburg in the second half.

The men lost to Carnegie Mellon on Tuesday, 3-1, in a non-conference game. The regular season closes this Saturday, when the team plays PAC rival Bethany College.

Titans suffer first loss to Thiel Tomcats since 1950

Last week's 28-0 loss to Thiel was the first since 1950 for the Titans.

The team currently stands at 3-4 on the season and 1-2 in the PACs. The Titans meet Frostburg State this weekend on the road for non-confernece play.

The following players were given player of the week honors for the Thiel game:

Freshman fullback Josh Kutzner was named Offensive Titan of the Week. Kutzner caught two passes for 12 yards in addition to serving as a lead blocker against Thiel.

Sophomore linebacker Matt Knight was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week. Knight was credited with a team-high 14 tackles (seven solo, seven assisted) against the Tomcats.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels was sophomore defensive back Mike Cacchione.

Cacchione, who was credited with one tackles in the contest, was honored for his play on the Titan punt coverage unit.

Volleyball drops to 16-12 after suffering home loss to PAC rival W&J

The Lady Titan spikers suffered a 30-23, 34-32, 30-19 setback to visiting league rival Washington & Jefferson College. The loss snapped the team's two-match win streak. The returned to the hardwood last night against Thiel. Westminster swept Thiel in three sets two weeks ago.

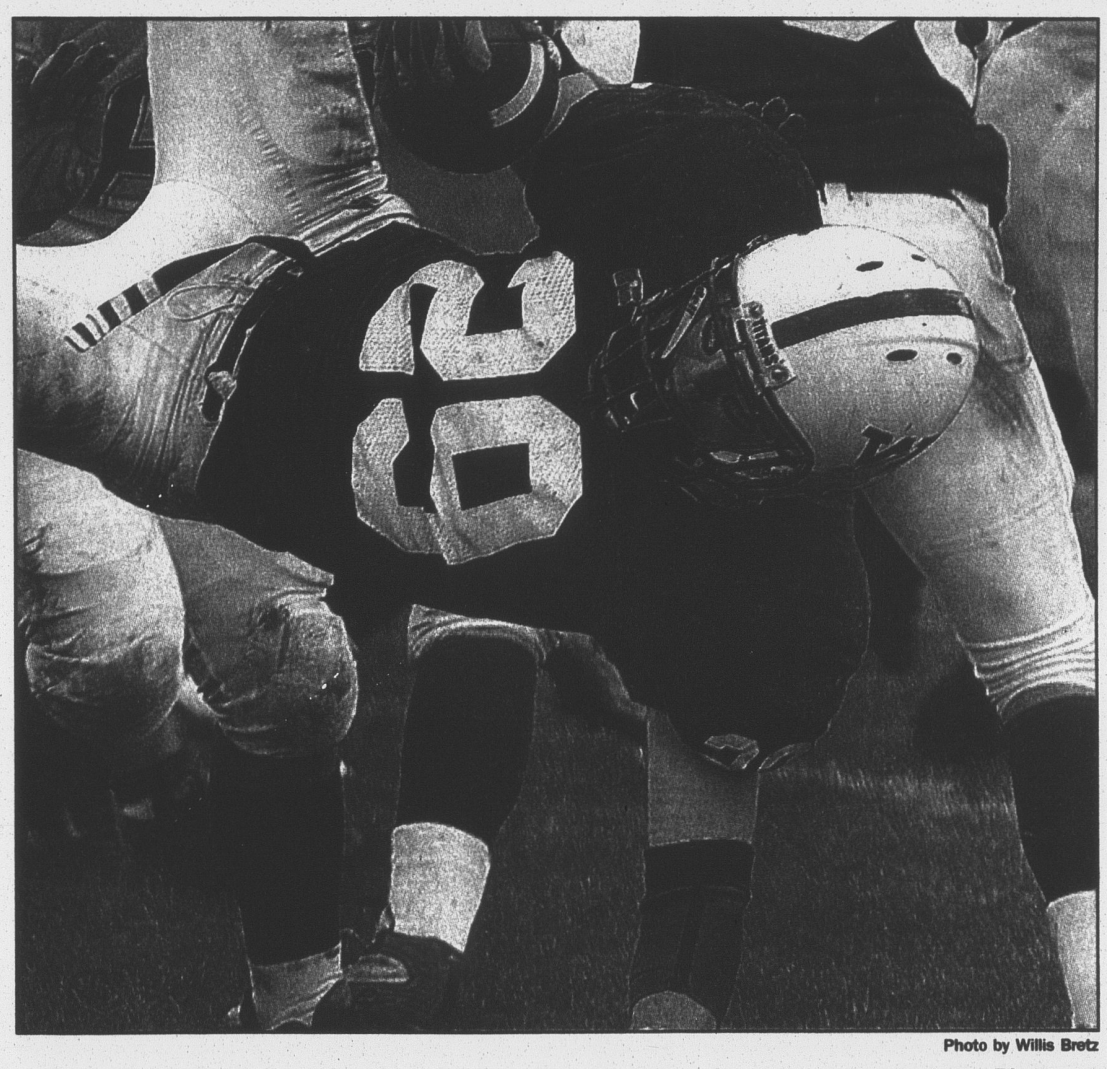


Photo by Willis Bretz

Senior Scott Froelich comes down hard at the end of his carry against the Bethany Bisons at the homecoming game on October 16. The Titans beat Bethany 27-21.

Men's cross country places first at invitational

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Titan men's and women's cross country teams ran this past weekend at the Waynesburg College Invitational. The men were able to come home with the victory, this being their second invitational title in as many weeks.

The Titans led the list of Colleges with thirty-five points overall. Other participants included Waynesburg College, Seton Hill and Pitt-Greensburg.

The ladies finished sixth in their six team pack with 121 points overall.

Leading the way for the men was freshman Chris Diamond. He finished the ten-kilometer course in fourth place with a time of 28:32.

Other big finishers for the Titans were sophomore Scott Seserko who came across the line in seventh place with a time of 29:36, freshman Willie DeLair came in eighth place and came through in a time of 29:42.

Senior Brad Zerbe finished the race in tenth place and had a time of 29:58 and senior Marcus Corvino who placed eleventh with a time of 30:14.

"Despite not having two of our top seven runners, we ran a very competitive race," said Zerbe. "We got a nice pack of six runners together on Saturday working off of each other to help pull us to a nice victory. The competition was not that stiff but the race on Saturday gave us a nice confidence boost for the upcoming PAC championship race."

For the ladies it was freshman Leanna Stitt who led the way and finished in the seventeenth out of fifty runners and ran the eight-kilometer course in 27:26. Senior Sandy Edminston finished the race in twentieth place with a time of 27:50.

Rounding out the rest of the runners were sophomore Alissa Bookwalter who came in thirty-fourth place with a time of 30:42, sophomore Kelly Spisak who crossed the line in thirty-fifth place with a time of 30:55 and Senior Vera Dorosh who finished in thirty-sixth place and was clocked in at 31:04.

Both teams are back in action and will compete at the 2004 PAC championships at Bethany College.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Red Sox:The Curse of the Bambino

You can definitely say that I am no kind of fan of the New York Yankees, but also, it is the same for the Red Sox.

The first season of the 140 game season of the American League began on April 24, 1901. Boston's team was given the nickname "Americans" to differentiate them from the cross-town National League "Nationals." The owner of the team at the time, John Taylor, decided that they would wear white uniforms with red socks while playing at home, thus giving them the name "Red Sox." Boston was the strongest team in the newly founded league, finishing first in six out of their first eighteen seasons. They appeared in five World Series between 1901 and 1918, winning all five.

In 1914, the owner of the Red Sox purchased a player by the name of George Herman Ruth from the minor league Baltimore Orioles. He went by the name "The Babe" or "The Bambino." He was brought up to Boston's major league team on July 11, 1914. That season, he appeared in four games with a 2-1 record. The Babe had eighteen wins for the Red Sox in 1915 and 23 in 1916. Boston won both years' World Series. Many sports writers during that era dubbed him as the best left hander to ever grace the game of baseball. On October 9, 1916, he pitched a fourteen inning complete game victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers in game two of the World Series.

In 1917, The Bambino led the league in shutouts (nine) and ERA (1.75), with a 24-13 record. Near the end of the season, the Red Sox were sold to Harry Harrison Frazee. Rosters were short handed across the league, since many players were heading off to Europe to wage World War I. Ruth helped by playing in the field (mostly in left) when he was not pitching. Despite batting in only 95 games, he hit the most home runs in the majors. He was on the mound for game one of the 1918 Fall Classic, where he pitched a complete game shut out to beat the Chicago Cubs 1-0. He would also get the win in game four of that series, helping the Red Sox defeat Chicago four games to two. Boston won three championships in The Babe's first four full seasons with the team.

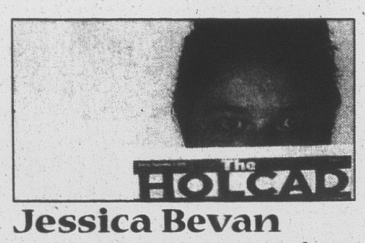
However, in 1919, the Sox and "The Bambino" couldn't agree on a contract. They settled for $10,000. Ruth and Frazee were not getting along at all. Ruth did not want to pitch, yet he still hit 29 homeruns which was more than any major league team combined. Prior to the 1920 season, Ruth was sold to Colonel Jacob Ruppert's New York Yankees for $100,000, plus a loan collateralized by Fenway Park. The rest is history. Prior to the sale of Ruth, the Red Sox were the kings of baseball five different times. However, since the sale, they have been shut out. While the Red Sox have been dormant, the Yanks have 26 times been crowned champions. Since 1918, the Sox have appeared in four fall classics and lost all 4 in seven games.

This season proved that "The Curse" is no longer alive and kicking. The Red Sox beat the Cardinals 3-0 Wednesday night to win the series 4-0.

I will leave you something off the topic to ponder. In the year of an election, when an American League teams wins the pennant, there is a Republican president and when it's a National League team, the president has been a democrat. Cheer wisely!

Arts & Entertainment

Movers, shakers and fakers



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

I'm sure you've all heard the line "fake it 'till you make it." If you pretend you can do something or be someone for long enough, eventually you'll perfect that skill and actually be able to come across as passable. That being said, the biggest news in entertainment this past week was Ashlee Simpson's big boo-boo on SNL.

Let's break it down, shall we? You're set to perform on a show that's kind of known for being, well, live. Except, of course, when NBC shows reruns. However, you've got an upset stomach and apparently that affects your high quality singing voice. So, your manager, who also happens to be your dad, makes the executive decision to throw caution to the wind, and play a vocal track over a live banking band. (Your dad is a super genius, by the way).

You pull it off the first time. Everything is hunky-dory. Come time for your second song, which we'll assume is your new single that is really about your big sister even though you deny, deny, deny. And oops, your drummer gets all befuddled, hits the wrong button and you're standing there looking a little silly and confused. So you dance Howdy Doody-style off the stage and crawl into a hole.

That's what I would do, anyway.

At first, I really had to laugh at the whole situation. But then I thought about it (this is where you all get scared and run away), and I got a little peeved.

Call me old-fashioned, but if you're a professional singer you should be able to suck it up and sing to the best of your ability despite a case of heartburn (You shouldn't be eating those chili dogs anyway. You could slop on your cool stage outfit.) . Maybe you down-shift to an easier song or add a few extra back up singers. The whole idea of lip-syncing has never sat right with me. This is probably why I have a hard time giving most pop performers a lot of credit, beyond being decent dancers and having a cool stage designer. (Justin Timberlake and Kylie Minogue are the only exceptions, and that's because you just can't deny their awesomeness.) Along with that, there are some schools of thought that some people are studio singers and others are live performers.

Is it just me, but shouldn't you be able to do both? Take Hoobastank for example. When they performed on the VMA's earlier this fall, I was astonished at how bad Doug Robb's voice sounded. However, it could have been an off night for him. Either way, he plugged on, whether we wanted him to or not.

Quite honestly, I'd rather a band or solo performer to be better live than on their CD. And you have to consider that in order to get those wonderful record deals, Ashlee, Hoobastank, and even Justin and Kylie, all had to audition for an A&R guy, got discovered at a local show, or both. So, they have the ability to get the job done.

It's become a matter of making it so you can fake it.

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Saw comes off as scarily bad instead of just a scary movie

By David Germain
AP Movie Writer

The fright flick Saw is consistent, if nothing else.

This serial-killer tale is inanely plotted, badly written, poorly acted, coarsely directed, hideously photographed and clumsily edited, all these ingredients leading to a yawner of a surprise ending.

To top it off, the music's bad, too.

You could forgive all (well, not all, or even, fractionally, much) of the movie's flaws if there were any chills or scares to this sordid little horror affair.

But Saw director James Wan and screenwriter Leigh Whannell, who developed the story together, have come up with nothing more than an exercise in unpleasantry and ugliness.

Saw is vicious to no end, loaded with gruesome torture devices and scenarios that Wan and Whannell - and the producers they managed to con into backing the movie - somehow thought audiences would want to see.

How such a cruelly empty and infantile movie got made is mystery enough.

More puzzling is why Cary Elwes, Danny Glover and Monica Potter would sign on as costars. The biggest question, though, is how Whannell got himself cast in a lead role opposite Elwes.

If Whannell can act, he sure doesn't show it. Perhaps out of sympathy, the more experienced cast members don't perform much better.

Most of the movie is set in a dingy, dirty lavatory, where Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Elwes) and a whiny guy named Adam (Whannell) awaken to find themselves chained to opposite walls.

Between them is the bloody body of a man who apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Turns out they're the latest victims of a psychopath known as Jigsaw, who concocts sick games to test the morality of his victims. For Lawrence, it's the choice of killing Adam or having his wife (Potter) and daughter slain instead.

Crude flashbacks detail the killer's previous atrocities, with Glover, a police detective obsessed over bringing Jigsaw to justice.

Wan and Whannell admit one of their aims was shock value, yet the instruments and stratagems of punishment they come up with are grotesque without being terribly clever.

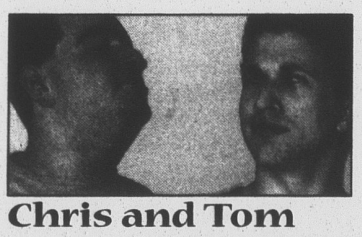
And while they pat themselves on the back for what they think are macabre doodads of death, they muddle up their silly creations with cheap fast-motion effects and clunky editing that obscures the action.

Conversely, the shrill exchanges between Lawrence and Adam and the interplay between Lawrence's wife and her tormentor are so static, they seem like early table reads of the script, albeit with the actors in chains and gags.

There are no insights into the motivations of serial killers, no perspective on the depths to which the human soul will sink to preserve itself at the expense of others. This movie just wallows in its own unrelenting repulsiveness.

Unless you happen to relish the image of a killer using a stethoscope to hear the changes in a little girl's heart rate while he holds a gun to her mother's head, there's no reason you'll want to see Saw.

Team America deserves to be put under arrest for skewing message



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Four years ago the world was treated to a surprise that no one really saw coming. Trey Parker and Matt Stone turned their wildly successful South Park television show into a film. That was expected to put some people in the seats, just to see what the boys would do without a censors board.

When the concept of a musical came up, Stone and Parker turned a clever idea into brilliance. South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut took shots at everything stupid about America it could think of and then some.

The result was a film that gained many rave reviews and showed the downside of American culture to people who were otherwise ignorant. So, when Parker and Stone decided to create another animated movie, this time out of the confinement of the South Park world freeing up their creative ability, the anticipation was huge.

Well the world was well rewarded with Team America, for the first forty-five minutes. The rest of the movie was a letdown we certainly were not prepared to experience.

The story involves Team America, a self-run, politically independent collection of agents determined to rid the world of terror. After losing one member in battle, they recruit actor Gary Johnston fresh from a tour of Lease: The Musical.

Quickly fitting in, the Team does more harm than good and the world becomes angry at Team America. By using this advantage Kim Jong Il, dictator of North Korea, tricks the Film Actors Guild into rallying against Team America, thus allowing him to commence the most devastating act of terror ever.

Some have said this film is a clear distinction of Stone and Parker's political alignment. Those people likely only watched half of the movie. Depending on which half will sway your mind in two completely different directions.

The first portion of the movie is dedicated to showing how Team America does more terror than it prevents. Destroying the Eiffel Tower, the Sphinx and other landmarks across the globe, Team America seems to embody all the negative stereotypes of American Military involvement in any situation.

While the film does not specifically target any conservative individuals, the idea is clearly to mock them in general.

But just about the time puppets begin having sex, the film takes a turn. Suddenly the focus is on the left-wing Hollywood agenda, specifically Michael Moore and actors like Alec Baldwin.

Over a dozen celebrities are satirized in the film, all shown to be leftist nut-jobs who would kill to prevent killing. Especially Michael Moore, who in the film becomes a terrorist in an effort to stop terrorism.

While that would be an incredible realization to make, it's simply not true. Nothing Michael Moore has ever done could be taken to imply he would kill someone, let alone destroy a national landmark, like Mount Rushmore, surrounded by people.

Making fun of Michael Moore is fine, but in doing a caricature, it is really only funny if you're pointing out something that is in fact true, only exaggerated. But this is really only a minor problem compared to the real over exaggeration with the film.

In case you missed it we noted that all the actors were members of the Film Actors Guild. Turn that into an acronym and you'll figure out what probably half this movie is dedicated to mocking.

Everything that can be a gay reference is, to the point where even the biggest homophobe couldn't possibly think it's funny.

Between the actor's guild, references to male-on-male fellatio, and the Lease song "Everyone Has AIDS" it honestly wouldn't surprise us if Stone and Parker were card carrying members of the Film Actors Guild themselves, if you catch our drift.

Once again it's not that it is a hands-off subject. South Park was able to joke about homosexuality but it never made wild accusations about homosexuals. (OK maybe one, but who knows? Saddam may actually want to have sex with the Devil!) Team America took it to a level beyond silly and made it ignorant.

This also brings up another problem that we are seeing more and more in movies and around the world. It is becoming socially acceptable to call these actors F.A.G.'s, but we guarantee they'd never insinuate that the Espy Awards were presented by the National Institute for Guys and Gals Enjoying Rap. That wouldn't be fine in today's world.

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The more and more we let this slide the more and more likely we are to see the 1960's again. Watch it Hollywood. You're our biggest influence.

The biggest problem with the movie is that it really has no clue what it wants to do. Sometimes it thinks it is a comedy. Others it wants to be a political satire. Still again it becomes a musical, for one song only.

What is this movie?

Well it is nothing special that's for certain. Nothing is groundbreaking as far as animation and the political message may actually do more harm than good.

There's a good chance people will miss the idea that America itself can act like a terrorist but no one is going to take Kim Jong Il seriously after this movie. Trouble is, he is a threat and Team America makes him out to be a joke.

You may love this movie and we're not saying you're an idiot if you do. What we are saying is that anyone seeing this movie needs to be seriously informed on today's issues and have a very open mind in order to not be offended. Even then it may still be unsettling.

The film has a particularly funny soundtrack (minus the AIDS song), which keeps it from totally sinking in our critical ocean.

For that we'll give Team America: World Police a C- and suggest you go rent South Park instead.

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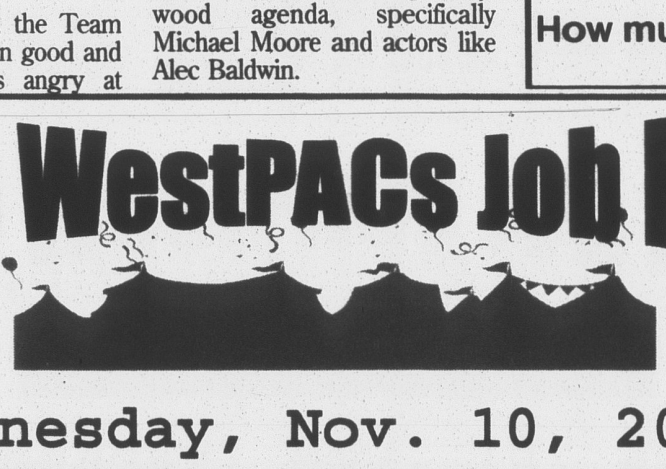

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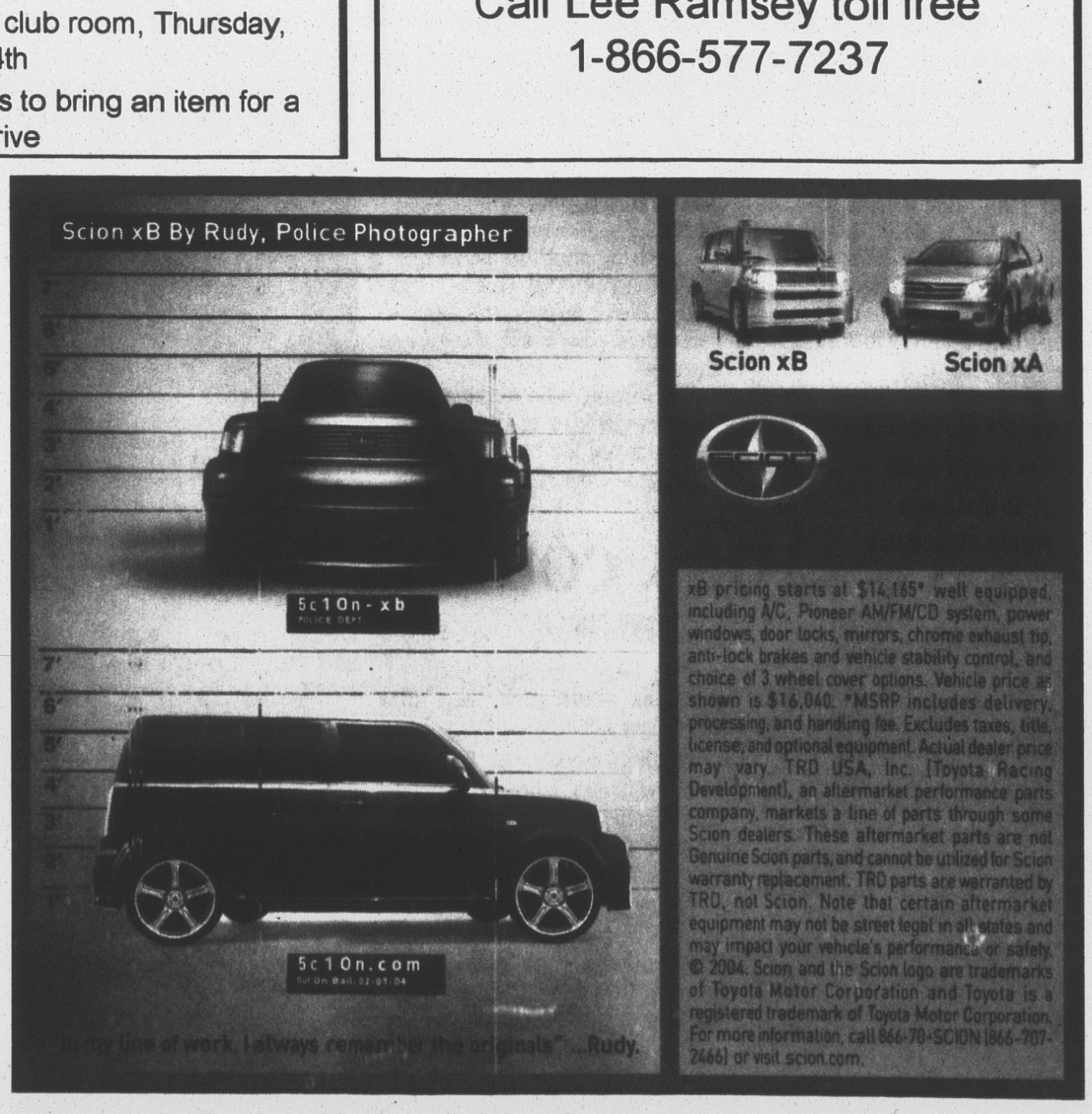

CALENDAR

October 29, 2004
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive MCC Info Desk and Residence Hall Lobbies
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Tri Beta Plant Sale Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:00 PM - 2:00 AM Halloween Dance-a-Thon (sponsored by Rotaract and Sig Eps to benefit Make-a-Wish Foundation) MCC Club/Lounge
6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming Hosts the Titan Relay Carnival (H)
7:30 PM Halloween Organ Concert Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
October 30, 2004
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
5:00 PM SGA's Kennywood Phantom Fright Night
7:00 PM Mass Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Opera Workshop Performance: The Legend of Carmen Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
October 31, 2004
Daylight Savings Time Ends
3:00 PM Student Chamber Ensemble Recital Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
7:00 PM Vespers Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller MCC Mueller Theatre
November 01, 2004
Non-Traditional Student Week Begins (through November 6)
11:40 AM Chapel Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:00 PM Holy Day Mass Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Miami at N.Y. Jets MCC Club
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting Patterson 113
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
November 02, 2004
ELECTION DAY
Political Science Department Election Night Event MCC Witherspoon Rooms
3:00 PM Faculty Concert: Brass and Woodwind Quintets Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:30 PM SAA Meeting Patterson 230
5:45 PM College Democrats MCC 255
6:30 PM Chem Club HSC Chem Lounge
7:00 PM Women's Tennis vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Babe, Australia, 1995 MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting TC 314
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
November 03, 2004
9:45 AM Econ and Business/PICPA Passport to Opportunity MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Joshua Corrette-Bennett and Bethany Hicok: "Can Anything Come Between You and Your Genes? Legal, Ethical and Social Issues Surrounding the Human Genome Project" MCC Mueller Theater
9:00 PM Stargazing (weather permitting) Roof of Hoyt Science Center (meet in lobby)
9:00 PM Allies Meeting M
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship MCC Club/Lounge
November 04, 2004
11:15 AM Eine Kleine Lunch-Musik Concert Series: Music Department Faculty Trio MCC Atrium
1:30 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting Patterson 116
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Fireside Chat with President Williamson, Dean Edman, and Jeff Creveling MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:00 PM Seekers Executive Council Meeting MCC 352
5:00 PM Phi Alpha Theta Fall Colloquium
5:30 PM College Republicans Patterson 231
5:30 PM S.A.D.D. Meeting MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting MCC 352
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Last weeks's answers

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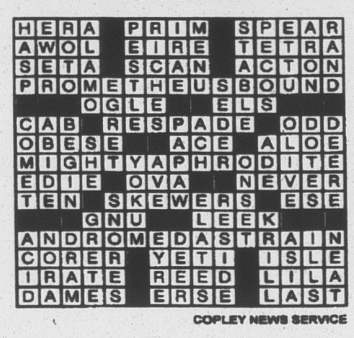

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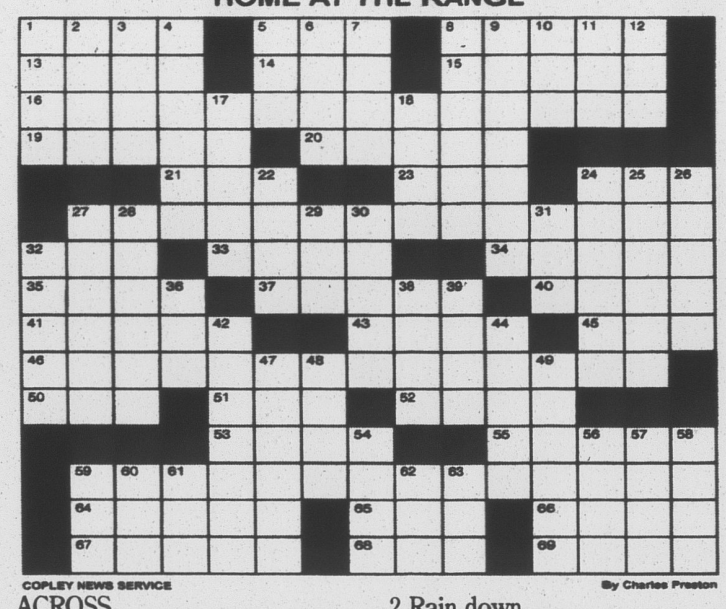
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Meet with financial counselors and let them help you solve a fiscal problem. Leave your worries behind and adopt a goal-attaining plan.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Associates or partners are cooperative and willing to discuss your concerns and answer your questions. Make note of the information provided.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Find time to read instructions before undertaking a challenging task and it becomes a lot less threatening. Proceed with caution.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Open your mind and seek a broader view of a baffling situation. Understanding comes with patience and, perhaps, feedback or input from others.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is OK to express your feelings without fear of rejection or judgment. Make a confession and free your heart and mind to forgive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Think quickly and on your feet this week and come up with some outlandish ideas. Mix in humor and laughter and you are home free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A good deed is sure to be rewarded in monetary or beneficial terms. Stack the deck in your favor with an act of kindness and consideration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take time when it comes to making an important decision. Additional research allows you to attain greater insight and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Get quiet and listen to your inner voice and use the guidance and instruction that comes from within. Get in tune and find peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A new friendship has great potential for a long-lasting camaraderie. Do not overlook an opportunity to exchange contact information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Effectively communicating your goals and ambitions is the key to success in the world of business and finance. Step up and speak out.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Avoid being overly optimistic about a financial situation. The old saying "don't count your chickens until they have hatched" definitely applies.

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

FRIDAY!
Event: Halloween Dance-a-thon
5:00 P.M.- 2 A.M.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge
Donation at the Door

SATURDAY!
Happy Halloween

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
Miami vs. N.Y. Jets
9:00p.m.
Club Room

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday 8:00 pm Friday 10:30 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm Saturday 8:00 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm Sunday 9:00 pm

COMING SOON...

Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Nov. 4	Campus Ministries Coffeehouse
Nov.5	Theta Chi Suitcase Party
Nov. 6	Comic- Megan Mooney
Nov. 6	Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 12	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 20	College Bowl
Nov. 20	Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 3	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 4	Circle K's sponsors Snowball Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 22	Saturday Night Titan's Tavern
Jan. 28	Friday Night Titan's Tavern
Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

Features

Political Pong: Breaking down the big issues

In this, your final week to decide who you would like to see become President of the United States, we have decided to provide you with a breakdown of each candidate's position on the main issues. I of course will be educating you on the policies of George W. Bush. So without further ado, here they are:

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Homeland Security: It was under President Bush's current administration that the Department of Homeland Security was created. Pennsylvania's own governor Tom Ridge was selected to man the post of Secretary of Homeland Security. The Bush administration plans to keep the country safe for the next four years by creating a National Intelligence Director and a National Counterterrorism Center. Both will strengthen the intelligence information of the US government as well as increase communication between all parties involved. Bush also would like to restructure the Congressional oversight of homeland security, thereby giving members of Congress more authority in the matter. He would advocate the renewal of critical provisions of the PATRIOT Act, and he has proposed Project BioShield, an initiative which will fund measures to protect the United States against a biological, radiological, nuclear, or chemical attack.

Iraq: Although no weapons of mass destruction were found, George W. Bush still contends that the war in Iraq was just and an important target in our war on terror. He points to the atrocities that Saddam Hussein committed onto his own people, as well as the thousands of terrorists that found a safe harbor inside the borders of Iraq. Bush also believes that his coalition of the willing was the necessary action to take against Iraq as opposed to UN sponsorship. Since US invasion in March 2003, Saddam Hussein has been thrown out of power, an interim democratic government has been established, and the Iraqi people have been given control over their country. If re-elected, President Bush plans to maintain US involvement in Iraq until the country is stable and secure. Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has agreed to work with the United States to ensure that Iraq remains a democratic nation.

Economy: The United States is finally moving out of the recession, and according to President Bush, it's partly due to his tax breaks. In his second term, President Bush would like to make these tax cuts (such as the reduced marriage penalty, the doubling of child tax credit, and the low 10% tax bracket) permanent. He wants to make the current tax code easier and fairer. But most importantly, President Bush believes that the key to a better economy and more jobs is education. With America's workers receiving a skillful education, jobs in America will pay better. With that, he has proposed to give $500 million to educate workers in high school and community colleges. For the college students, Bush would like to increase student financial aid, mainly the Pell Grant, and raise loan limits.

Healthcare: The President realizes that rising healthcare costs is a serious problem in America. Therefore, Bush would like to create a tax-free Health Savings account, giving control of the healthcare programs to Americans. In addition, he wishes to strengthen competition between generic and brand-name drugs to lower cost of prescription drugs. For America's children, the Bush administration will launch a billion dollar "Cover the Kids Campaign.", combining funding from the Federal Government, states, community organizations, and faith-based organizations. As for small businesses, he advocates allowing them to band together to negotiate association health plans, thereby guaranteeing health care coverage for their employees at a low cost to the employers. President Bush also believes that the best way to keep healthcare costs down is by limiting frivolous medical lawsuits.

Gay Marriage: To quote Bush's official reelection website, "President Bush believes that marriage between a man and a woman is the most enduring human institution, and the foundational building block of our society. President Bush has fought to defend traditional marriage laws from activist judges who threaten to legislate from the bench to impose same-sex marriage and deny the voice of the people." Therefore, if reelected, Bush will continue his proposal on a constitutional amendment to define marriage between a man and a woman. He also will continue to defend the "Defense of Marriage Act" of 1996.

Hopefully this article has left you more informed. If you want to learn more, check out www.georgewbush.com.

Jessica Rummel (aka right wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is president of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

This week Jess and I decided to illustrate where the candidates stand on the five main issues in the campaign in order to make you all better informed voters come Tuesday: homeland security, the economy, Iraq, healthcare, and gay marriage.

Homeland Security: The Kerry campaign believes the President has failed by cutting funding to homeland security and by making America more vulnerable than it has ever been.

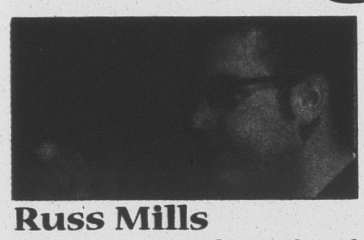
John Kerry and John Edwards have a plan that addresses five major challenges: (1) improving our ability to gather, analyze, and share information so we can track down terrorists and stop them before they cause us harm, (2) better securing our airports, seaports, and borders, which Bush has completely ignored. (3) hardening likely terrorist targets, (4) improving domestic readiness, and (5) winning the war on terror without losing the values of freedom and justice for all that make us proud to be Americans by repealing the USA Patriot Act.

The Economy: Kerry and Edwards feel the true indicator of the economy is the success of the middle-class. They say that by giving tax breaks to the wealthy is hurting America.

When John Kerry is president, middle-class taxes will go down. Ninety-eight percent of all Americans and 99 percent of American businesses will get a tax cut under the Kerry-Edwards plan.

John Kerry will cut taxes for businesses that create jobs here in America instead of moving them overseas. John Kerry and John Edwards will also stand up for workers by enforcing our trade agreements.

John Kerry will cut the deficit in half during his first four years in office. He will end corporate welfare as we know it, roll back the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, and impose a real cap to keep spending in check.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

And when John Kerry puts forward a new idea, he'll tell you how he's going to pay for it.

Iraq: John Kerry's plan for Iraq is to go around the world and help rebuild the alliances that the Bush administration has destroyed and use diplomacy instead of threats to persuade other countries to help the situation in Iraq.

Kerry feels the threat of terrorism demands alliances on a global scale - to utilize every available resource to get the terrorists before they can strike at us.

As president, John Kerry will lead a coalition of the able - because no force on earth is more able than the United States and its allies. The war on terror cannot be won by military might alone.

As president, John Kerry will deploy all the forces in America's arsenal - our diplomacy, our intelligence system, our economic power, and the appeal of our values and ideas - to make America more secure and prevent a new generation of terrorists from emerging.

Healthcare: Over the past three years, family premiums for health care have increased by $3,512 and prescription drug costs have grown four times faster than inflation.

The Kerry-Edwards plan will give every American access to the range of high-quality, affordable plans available to members of Congress and extend coverage to 95 percent of Americans, including every American child.

The Kerry-Edwards plan will reduce prescription drug prices by allowing the re-importation of safe prescription drugs from Canada, overhauling the Medicare drug plan, ensuring low-cost drugs, and ending artificial barriers to generic drug competition.

Today, approximately 25 percent of health care costs are wasted on paperwork and administrative processing.

The Kerry-Edwards plan harnesses American ingenuity to cut waste, save billions, and take new steps to ensure patient privacy.

Gay Marriage: John Kerry believes that a litmus test on gay marriage such as the one that President Bush uses to appoint justices is wrong. He also opposes an amendment that would ban same-sex marriage.

He is not in favor of gay marriage (because he defines marriage as between a man and a woman) but in favor of civil unions where partners can share health benefits and passes on their estate.

He also points out the Dick Cheney's daughter is a lesbian and she should be granted the same rights as all Americans.

After reading Kerry's stances on issues (reminding many of the policies of Roosevelt and the New Deal), I am convinced you will make W like his father: "one term and he's done."

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg: Good times and food at Edward's Lounge

Have you ever driven around the heart of New Castle at 8 p.m. on a Saturday night? Some of you may answer yes, but the real question is, have you ever walked around the streets of New Castle at 8:15 p.m. looking for a place to eat? While the bright lights of America's Firework Capital (Yes there really are signs that claim this to be true) may mesmerize you, it's not exactly the gourmet food capitol of America.

If you have taken a stroll around New Castle then you know that there are only two places to dine at that are not a run down bar n' restaurant. So you're probably asking yourself, what two restaurants are safe to go to in New Castle? Well you will have to wait for another article because I decided that I wasn't going to put my life on the line for a stupid restaurant review (that's sarcasm for those of you who can't comprehend sarcastic remarks). The truth is that I didn't want to wait for a table so I decided to stop by a place on my journey to the Nations Firework Capitol, a little place called Edwards Lounge on Route 18.

Greg Smith
Food Critic

Edwards Lounge looks like your typical small locally owned restaurant with its fancy neon signs and small parking lot. However, when you walk inside it still looks like your locally owned restaurant with its fancy neon signs, large dining room, and impressive bar. I'm not suggesting that this is not to be expected, although I was surprised by the size of the bar. But hey, sometimes it is good to dine at a place that feels familiar.

The atmosphere of Edward's Lounge is like that of Ditka's Restaurant. Definitely Ditka's Restaurant. For those of you who are pop culture defective I'm referring to a skit from SNL with Chris Farley...you know Da Bears, Da Bulls, Definitely Ditka.... if you don't get it don' t worry about it. Anyways, it's your average blue collar sports fan type of local lounge. There's beer, sports, food, and good people. Okay maybe there's only beer for those of age, maybe sports are not always on and it just so happened that it was the first game of the World Series, but there's always good food and good times to be had at Edward's Lounge.

What kind of good food there is at Edward's? Well like most lounges they have a wide variety of items available ranging from Pittsburgh Sandwich (similar to a Primanti Brothers Sandwich) to Crab Cakes to Smoky Mountain Chicken. I promise that if you pay Edwards Lounge a visit you won't be able to make a quick decision on what you want because everything on the menu sounds incredible! However, I do recommend giving the Smoky Mountain Chicken a whirl.

I have to admit that the drawback of Edwards Lounge is the time it takes the service to take your order. Don't get me wrong they are extremely friendly and very prompt; it's actually the customer that delays the process. The menu is so large and so diverse that you're literally torn between what to order thus delaying the staff from performing their job more efficiently. I'm even guilty of this during my visit at Edwards. Once you decide what you would like for your meal the servers somehow manage to rush it right out to your table, it's amazing!

As if fast and great service isn't enough the prices are also generous. Since their menu is so diverse so is the pricing of the items on the menu. Sandwiches average about $5.95, Specialty Salads about $7.95, and Entrée's about $9.95. The pricing of the items on the menu can work with anyone's budget.

It's time to talk about Edwards Lounge in terms of Twinkies. Let's see they offer Da beer, Da sports, Da food, Da good people, and Da good times.

In my book that means it's definitely Edwards Lounge, definitely, racking up a grand total of 3 out of 4 Twinkies. Until next week keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

Question of the Week

What was your best Halloween costume as a kid?

"I was a baby... when I was 14."
-Taisha Brown

"I was a mailbox in the second grade."
- Colleen Byrnes

"When I dressed up as my idol, my best friend in the world, and my sister: Ashley Mondale."
- Rhiannon Mondale

"When I was 2, my mom dressed me up as Aunt Jemima and stuffed me so I was really fat."
- Lisa Santoriella

"A cupcake."
- Nick Keagle

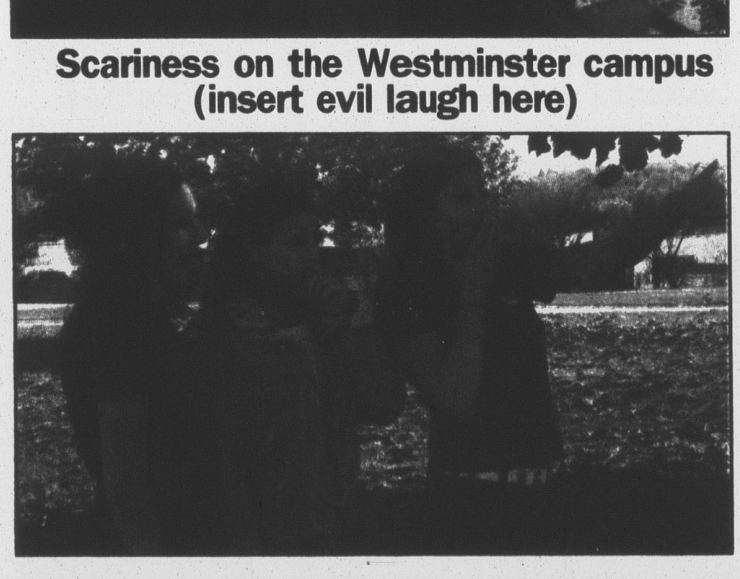
"Mr. 'M' the Munchy Mouth from the letter people in kindergarten."
- Mitch Taylor

"I was Winnie the Pooh my senior year of high school. I won best costume; I looked pretty stupid, but it was cool."
- Dennis Buffone

"When we were Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen."
- Melissa Hart and Allison Chlebowski

"I was Rainbow Brite when I was 4. The costume rocked."
-Jill Dobi

Scariness on the Westminster campus (insert evil laugh here)



What's the scariest thing about being a Westminster College student?

"Approaching graduation."
- Sonya Cole

"Professors are scary, real mean."
- Brad Johnson

"Meeting the Amish."
- Quay Rosengarth

"Having a biology major."
- Dan LoVerde

"Fear of getting run over by golf carts and buggies."
- Sarah Miller

"Graduation is looming!"
- Ange Pontorero

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

"Getting run over by an Amish buggy."
- Nikky Douglas

"Going home and telling my parents about what I am doing in molecular biology, and they have no idea what I am talking about."
- Rachel Harding

"Debt after graduation and student loans."
-Danielle Gorley

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Students gather in the Witherspoon Room on election night to watch the results on the big screen. Concerned students stayed as late as 1 a.m., awaiting the final outcome of a tight race that did not end until the next morning when Senator John Kerry conceded from the presidential battle.

A campus divided

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

"I'm tired. I went to bed at 4 in the morning. I've been up since 7:30 waiting to hear results. There's so much riding on this election. Plus, you care so much more when you've been working yourself on something. I've spent a lot of time campaigning," said freshman Carsen Nesbitt early Wednesday morning, with the election still undecided.

Nesbitt voiced her frustrations only a few hours before Senator John Kerry announced his concession from the race, dubbing George W. Bush as the reigning president for the next four years.

No matter the outcome of the race, students were eager to voice their opinions on the long-anticipated election night, expressing a mix of disappointment, joy and surprise.

Nesbitt's feelings were a far cry from how sophomore Lee Scott awoke on Tuesday morning.

"I was happy to wake up on Freedom Day, because it's a chance to exercise one of the greatest freedoms of this country: the right to vote," he stated.

Both Nesbitt and Scott echoed sentiments felt by many students who attended Tuesday night's election party in the Witherspoon Room. Students gathered there from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., waiting to hear who would be the next President of the United States.

The group was a mixed one, with cheers going up from different sections throughout the night when each state was announced, especially after Pennsylvania was announced to have gone for Kerry.

"I'm glad my vote contributed to Kerry winning the state," freshman Dan Wren said.

College Republican and senior Dennis Buffone merely shook his head.

"Old order conventional democrats. Old order democrats that will not change," Buffone commented.

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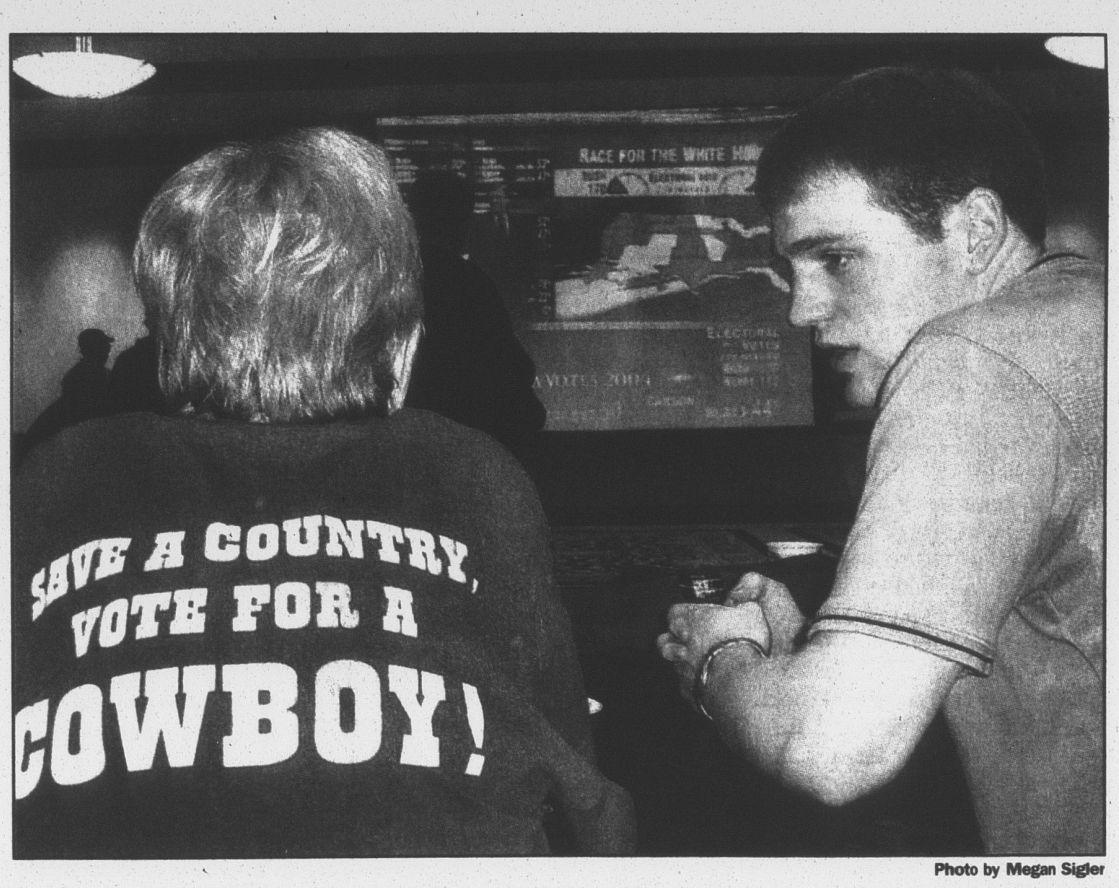

Photo by Megan Sigler

Bush supporter Beth Brooks and College Democrat Ryan Jeroski discuss the issues of the race.

PR students take bite out of the big apple

By Jaycie Galbraith
Campus Writer

On Friday, Oct. 22, seniors Joanna Badger, Jessica Bevan, Megan Sigler and Lyndsay Smith flew to New York City for the 2004 Public Relations Student Society of America National Conference.

These four executive board members of the college's PRSSA chapter attended the conference for five days.

This year, over 1,300 people attended the nationwide event, marking the largest public relations gathering in history.

The event included a variety of guest speakers, most notably Donald Trump, star of NBC's series, "The Apprentice."

"The event is planned by a national committee who sends information to each chapter president. Typically, only one or two people have gone in the past, so the fact that we sent four people this year is awesome," said Badger, president of PRSSA.

The conference consisted of guest speakers, workshops, agency tours, an internship fair and a career expo.

Conference attendees were able to pick and choose workshops based on their interests, learn new techniques, and meet with public relations professionals.

"The biggest thing I was personally excited about was the networking," Smith said.

"It was an opportunity to get your face out there and make a good impression with big companies."

Several New York public relations firms attended the internship fair, offering internships for the summer of 2005.

Students spoke with prospective employers on various occasions. They were also given the opportunity to work on their résumés with public relations professionals.

Activities were interspersed throughout the days of the convention.

During a luncheon, Brooks Brothers hosted a fashion show, showcasing work attire for young professionals.

Other activities included a Broadway costume party and an awards dinner.

"Conferences like these are a great way to meet people from all over who are in the same boat. I liked getting to talk to professionals from different areas of PR," Bevan said.

The students stayed at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at Grand Central Station with thousands of other PR students.

Transportation and hotel costs for the trip were covered by the college's PRSSA fund. However, Badger, Bevan, Sigler, and Smith were responsible for their own registration fees and food.

Delores Natale, lecturer of public relations and faculty advisor of the PRSSA on campus, was also in New York City for the PRSA 2004 International Conference, which actually overlapped the PRSSA 2004 National Conference.

"I chose workshops related to the classes I'm teaching, such as advertising and journalism," Natale said. "It's the premier event for PRSA and PRSSA members."

The students were granted a lot of free time outside the PR conferences and events.

One of the most exciting parts of the weekend for the students was appearing on the Today Show.

The four determined girls stood in a long line outside the NBC news studio on Monday morning at 6 a.m.

"After seeing how many people were trying to get in, we began to lose all hope," Sigler said.

But when the gates opened, the students managed to push their way up to the railing to compete for their 15 minutes of fame, appearing on camera three different times.

"It was such a rush to be on national TV! My mom called me in tears when she saw me on the show from home," Sigler said. "I even got to shake Matt Lauer's hand!"

The girls held up signs they crafted the night before, one in particular announcing their Amish country roots.

"Though the only people up that early to see me were my parents, we still did our best to make Westminster proud," Sigler laughed.

Dance benefits children's charity

By Mike Dines
Campus Writer

The Rotaract Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon held a Halloween dance-a-thon on Friday, Oct. 29 that raised $400 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Out of the 170 people who attended the dance-a-thon only one, freshman Jeff Ammons, earned the $25 gift certificate for the Springfield restaurants for dancing from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m.

This is the second year the Rotaract Club has held the dance-a-thon to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Sigma Phi Epsilon's first experience with this philanthropy event.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Rotaract Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon have helped the foundation in reaching that goal, and both organizations feel that this is an event worth repeating.

"This is the second year we've done this, and we hope it will be an annual event that grows each year," said disc jockey for the night and acting Rotaract President Dennis Buffone. "It definitely has the potential to grow."

The people who really benefit from the hard work of the Rotaract Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon are the families who are touched everyday by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"It is so good all of these people showed up to make the little darlings dreams come true," said junior Anthony Carna, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers and Rotaract members danced the night away with the other participants of the dance-a-thon.

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon all enjoyed the time they had at their new philanthropy and could be seen on the dance floor, shooting pool, enjoying the snacks, drinking from the soda fountain in the club room or just talking to the people who attended the event.

"The brothers thought that the dance-a-thon was a great success," said senior member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Andy Krawchyk. "We are always happy to support a cause as worthy as Make-A-Wish Foundation. The brothers also want to thank everyone who came out and made a contribution. It will make someone's dreams come true."

For Buffone's money, the most priceless thing that he saw that night was Dean Jesse Mann and Dr. David Twining doing the "Cha-Cha Slide" with about 75 other college students.

"That alone was enough to make the night worthwhile," Buffone said.

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Opinion

Whose town is it? Life in a college community

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

When I went home after my freshmen year of college, I noticed something that I hadn't realized before my college experience; that I had grown up in a college town. I grew up in Moon Township (which is about an hour away outside of Pittsburgh), home to Robert Morris University. I began to wonder how the Robert Morris students felt about our town. Do they like it? Do they complain that there is nothing to do? Do they have a tumultuous relationship with our community?

Every year that I have been at Westminster, the division between the college and borough deepens. This puts many in a difficult situation; namely those who attend the university or work here and call New Wilmington their home. In order for everyone to avoid more unnecessary tension and anger, I believe we need to honestly examine exactly what these issues are, if we hope to somehow find a common ground.

First off, Westminster students must admit for all of the complaining we do about the town, that it's not that bad. While there aren't any huge night spots or all-night diners, the town is at least safe and clean (minus the horse manure). The town has coffee shops, pizza places and tanning salons; and while these aren't necessarily everything a college student wants, they are a start.

And while college students need to better appreciate the town, I believe the town needs to better appreciate the college. According to the Westminster Web site, the college annually spends approximately $24.7 million within the surrounding communities. Not to mention the students and staff who patronize businesses and stores or the students who work in town and pay taxes. Additionally, the college provides world class entertainment and state of the art facilities that are open to the public at large (including three different libraries).

Second, students need to understand and accept that vandalism and theft are wrong and unacceptable. It's not funny; it's just stupid.

Additionally, students need to lose this mentality that everyone in New Wilmington is against college students having fun. I have talked to numerous people in this town who encourage our revelry and good times. We need to stop being totally paranoid.

But by the same token, members of the community need to understand that college students do not hold a monopoly over vandalism and theft. Many residents have the mentality that it must be those "awful college students" because it couldn't be any of our "perfect angel children."

I think its rather ironic that I get "the eye" from the local police when I'm walking home on the sidewalk at 12:30 a.m. on a Tuesday; yet, when I walk home other nights, there are those who are obviously not college students skateboarding and throwing pumpkins at each other in the middle of the road (yet there are no police around). I know this isn't a deliberate act by the police, but I understand that it's just part of the reason for collegiate paranoia.

In the end we need to realize the differences in each other. Students need to understand that this community is one rooted in tradition. By the same token, the town needs to understand that the college has been here for more than 150 years (it's not like it was just built) and is not going anywhere any time soon.

So what can we do? If you are looking for an example of the town successfully meeting the needs the college, I suggest you visit Mugsies.

I believe we can all agree that Mugsies meets the needs of many. Students like it because of its wireless internet, the sophisticated feel and late hours. The restaurant serves as an ideal haven for college students and town residents alike. Residents most likely don't want to go to a smoky poorly lit café with posters of The Family Guy and Eminem all over the walls, just like college students do not want to hang out in restaurants that feel like my grandmother's family room, covered with wicker and dried flowers. Mugsies is that sophisticated happy medium that we all can enjoy.

In the end, we all just want to be treated with respect and just enjoy ourselves. Therefore, respect and quality equal money well spent.

Now all that's left is to "Mugsify" the rest of the town.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theater. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

Letters to the Editor

Election affects more than U.S.

"With great power comes great responsibility." Most people reading this know that these words were said to Peter Parker in the popular movie Spiderman. Today I think these words apply to us; the American public. We have all been fortunate enough to be born in a country were we are granted many freedoms. One of the greatest of these is voting. Many people have different strategies as to how they pick their candidate. Some are party loyalists; some pick on their most important issue, some vote on the economy, and others perhaps on candidate's personality. But is there a missing piece to this puzzle? Is there something fundamental the American voters have forgotten to think about while voting?

I say there is. America is the great power of the world - no country has any authority over us. I believe this has great implications for the voters. In recent days, Americans have seen two separate tapes from Al Queda members. In the first an unidentified man told the American people that we are "guilty, guilty, guilty, just as George Bush and Dick Cheney". In the second, Osama Bin Laden warned voters that he is holding us accountable.

These two instances got me thinking. Every leader and their people in every country are watching our elections, waiting to see what happens. The reason is because the outcome could greatly affect their lives for the next four years, and most likely longer. That's right, what America does is not just America's business. Our policies affect the world. Whether we like it or not, this is the age of globalization and we are leading the pack. So, even though the election is over now, I pose a challenge to you, Westminster. Get out there. Learn about the world. What you do everyday affects them. Essentially their suffering may be yours and my fault. We can work to put an end to suffering around the world. We are fortunate to be able to do that. With our actions each day and with our ballots each year, I hope we never forget that with our great power comes great responsibility.

Nawal Rajeh
junior - political science

Didn't vote? Don't complain

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who exercised their right to vote. It was great to see students and faculty gathering together to express their own political beliefs. And the idea of your own political beliefs, own being the key word, has been a burning issue on campus. Why do certain people feel that it is their right to shove their political beliefs in your face? Why is it that if someone says they belong to a certain political party someone from the opposite side is quick to jump down their throat? Why is it that politics has become more of a battle between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party rather than a battle for the best suited candidate to win?

Just because I am a registered Democrat doesn't mean that I am going to argue with my roommate and criticize her for being a Republican. Both candidates supported issues that I agree and disagree with. I voted this election based on issues that were important to me not just because I was affiliated with a certain party. Just because someone is a Republican does not make them a "pistol packing mama." Just because I am a Democrat does not make me an "abortion supporter." These are just one issue on each side. And I am sorry, but if you are voting for just one issue than you need to educate yourself more. I am not saying these issues are not important because they are. However, there is more to both parties than just those two things. As citizens it is our obligation to educate ourselves and vote. If you do not exercise your right to vote than do not complain about anything in the next four years.

Colleen Byrnes
junior - education

Election causes stir abroad

It has been very interesting to see the elections from the point of view of Mexicans and Argentinians. Studying abroad has rained on me a wealth of experiences and education, including the way people around the world view the United States and the president. In the newspaper in Buenos Aires this past Sunday, there was a whole section on who people here favor for the elections in the United States. Its amazing to see how one person, and the decision of the people of one nation, can and will affect the entire world.

The sentiments of the people of Mexico seemed to favor Bush, but yet again, Bush has allowed Mexican immigrants to continue working in the United States, and under certain circumstances, illegal immigrants are eventually given the chance to become US citizens. Yet in Argentina, the vibe is the complete opposite, and Kerry is heavily favoured. Every night as I watch the news with my host family, the elections in the United States are mentioned, and it always starts a discussion (in very fast Castellano, the dialect here). According to my family, and the opinion of many others, the United States never should of entered the war with Iraq, needs to straighten out the economy, and needs a change, a HUGE change, Kerry.

Personally, along with others in my group who are from universities all over the United States, have enjoyed being out of the country during the election process. The majority of us have voted at the US embassy located in Buenos Aires, and we are all going to crowd around a television for the night. Our votes, and thoughts on the election have definitely been altered because of our experience, and I believe that it is for the best. Also, I believe we have the advantage; we get to hear who the president of our nation will be from another nation, another hemisphere, and immidately, we get to see the affect of our decision, as US citizens, that will ultimately change the course of history and the world.

Jacklyn Fair
junior - Spanish

Divided nation must move on

I don't believe that the outcome of the election is the true issue. The true issue is the issues. The war in Iraq and the threat of terrorism both have completely overshadowed the domestic issues at stake in this election. The forgotten issues in this election- energy and the environment, education and health care- have gone virtually unnoticed. No one cares about social security when debates and arguments about invading Iraq dominate the media, news, and even our classrooms.

The challenge for whoever wins the election this year is going to be uniting an extremely divided country. The election in 2000 was so close, and this year's was just as close as before. Our nation is divided politically by Americans who are fiercely loyal to the candidate they support, and whoever is president for the next four years has the very difficult task of winning over an entire nation. Whether or not we like the outcome of last night's election, we have to deal with it and move on together.

The most important thing about the election this year was the motivation it gave to simply vote. Far too many people take that basic freedom for granted, and this year marked a record voter turn out.

Mariella Volker
freshman - Latin

Real issues still need answers

Today the people of America once again exercised the great right given to us by our mothers and fathers to decide for ourselves who represents us in our government. Although our federal election system has often been a bumbling catastrophe of dissimilar ballots and hanging chads, and although our leader is chosen by an odd, Electoral College system, the fact remains that America is more democratic than some countries. (Find info better voting systems at www.fairvote.org)

Regardless of the outcome of today's election, significant problems in America's policies will not be addressed, unless we as citizens compel our government to take more appropriate action. For instance, our current health care system allows insurance companies to make profits when they refuse treatment to the patients that need it most.

The U. S. spends more per capita than any country in the world on its health care system, but the World Health Organization ranks us at a shameful 37th. 43 million Americans get by without healthcare. Many studies have revealed that it would cost less to administer than our current system while covering every American citizen. (read about better healthcare systems at http://www.pnhp.org/)

Regardless of the outcome of today's election, the U. S. will remain the world's worst polluter and the largest supplier of weapons across the globe. An example of a great policy change that we could pursue is that we could reduce our nuclear weapons arsenal to 100,000 warheads (still a lot, right?). This would save $15 Billion, which alone is more than what is spent on our education system. (read about priorities at http://www.truemajority.org/who/priorities.cfm)

So, I encourage everyone to research the issues shaping your life today, and after (or even before?) the inauguration ceremonies are done, write or call your local, state, and federal representatives and let them know that you expect better policies in the future, or you will exercise your right to remove them from office.

Colby King
sophomore - political science

Bush morality ironic

So it comes down to morality? Since when has it been moral to take away freedoms, harm the environment, wage war, lie, and favor the rich? I find this ironic, disturbing and just plain scary.

I am deeply disturbed and saddened by this election and I fear for women, for gays, for the poor and for the future of this country which no longer stands for freedom or world peace.

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Outside the Bubble

NATIONAL

Bush claims mandate for agenda, reaches for Democrats' support

By Ron Fournier
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well.

He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans."

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago.

"I hope that we can begin the healing," the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term which was denied to his father, George H.W. Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too.

"A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation," he said, speaking directly to Kerry's supporters.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it," he said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn't use the word mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president's intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago.

In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

Bush's vote totals were the biggest ever and his slice of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by a Bush. This president also called Kerry a flip-flopping opportunist who would fight feebly against terror.

None of that rancor was evident Wednesday, when Kerry called Bush to concede the race. He told Bush the country needed to be united, and Bush agreed. But the numbers suggest the country is deeply split.

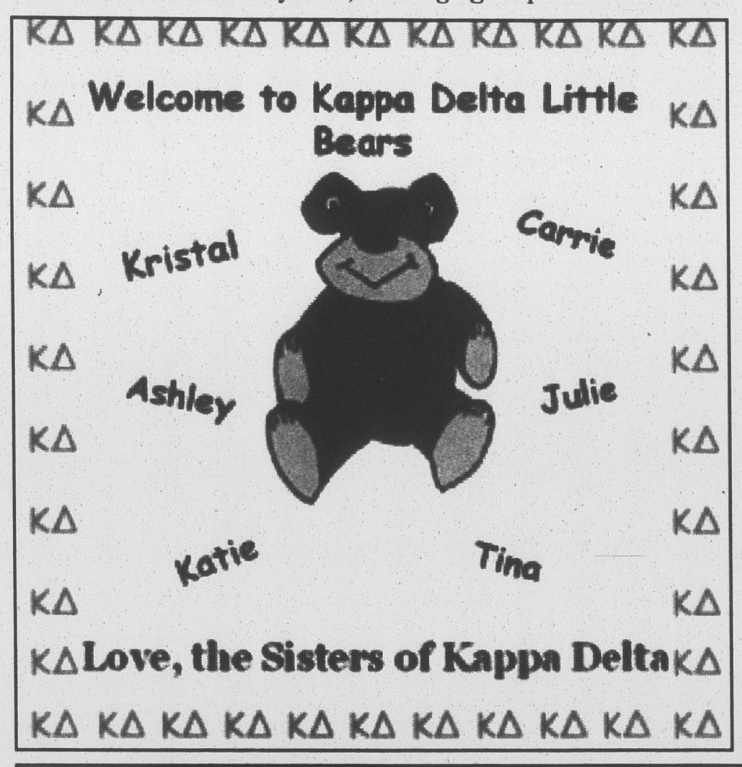
Bush's victory ensures Republican dominance of virtually every quarter of the U.S. political system for years to come - the White House, Congress and the federal judiciary.

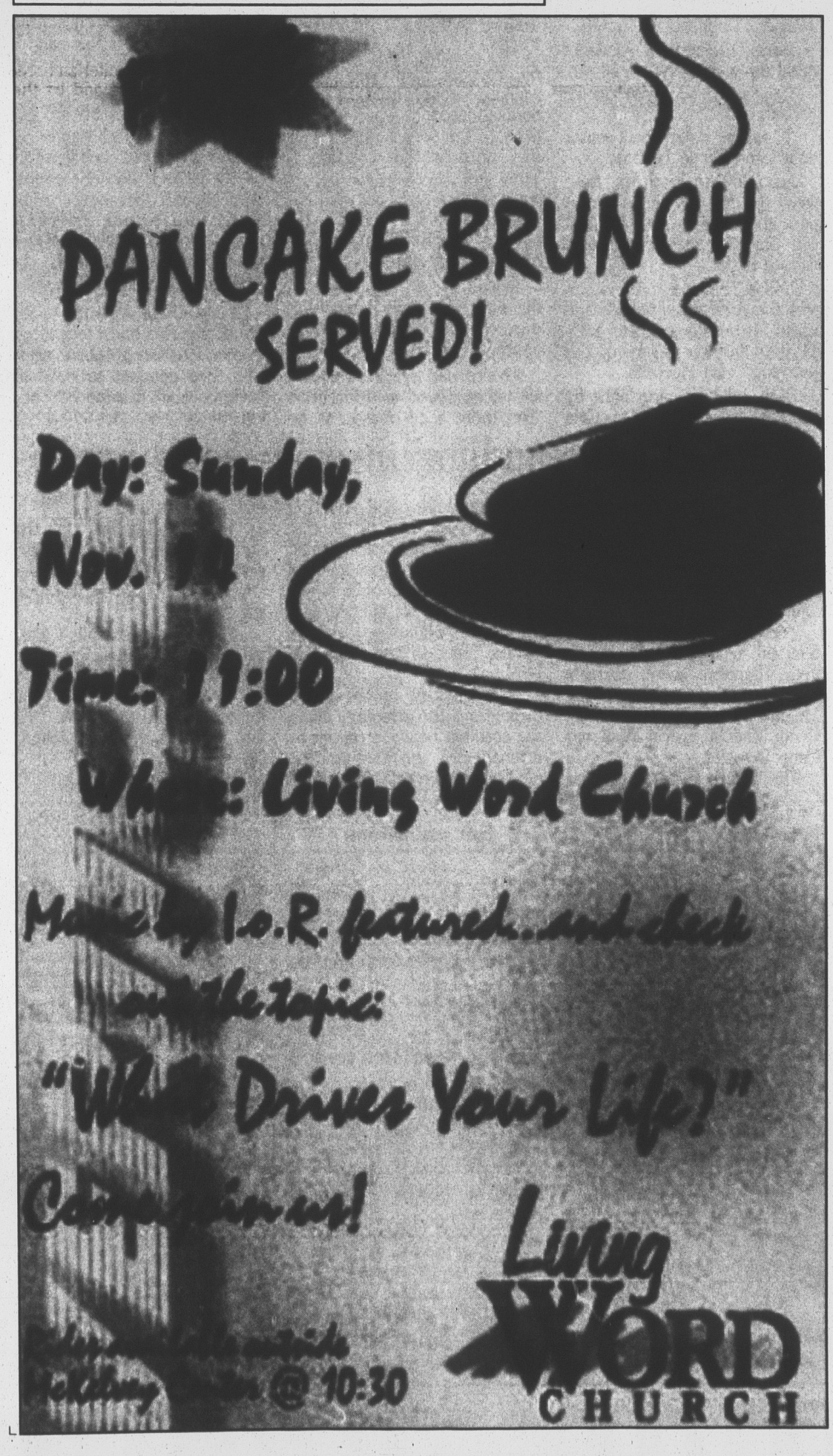
Democrats pored over election results and sadly determined that the GOP base was bigger, more rural, suburban and Hispanic than they had ever imagined.

"You can be disappointed, but you cannot walk away," John Edwards told supporters at Kerry's concession. "This fight has just begun."

Supporters of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, herself a potential candidate in 2008, accused Edwards of posturing.

Kerry himself showed no signs of exiting the political arena. "I'll never stop fighting for you," he told backers.





INTERNATIONAL

European leaders offer to let bygones be bygones, seek new beginnings with Bush

By John Leicester
Associated Press Writer

PARIS - European allies alienated by President Bush's first four years in power offered Wednesday to let bygones be bygones, saying they want to work with the new administration and seeking, right from Day 1, to get the new White House to listen more to overseas opinion.

French President Jacques Chirac, in a congratulatory letter, said he hoped Bush's second term "will be the occasion for strengthening the French-American friendship."

"We will be unable to find satisfying responses to the numerous challenges that confront us today without a close trans-Atlantic partnership," wrote Chirac. He addressed the letter to "Dear George."

Another critic of the Iraq war, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said his government wants "a relationship of efficient, constructive cooperation with the U.S. government and with President Bush, respecting the ideas of each side."

Zapatero, who angered Washington by withdrawing Spanish troops from Iraq, stayed up most of the night to watch as Republican red crept across the U.S. electoral map.

Election interest in Europe was intense, as was the disappointment many felt over Bush's victory. Some saw it as proof that Europe and the United States are further apart than ever.

"There is a major and lasting lack of understanding between the American people and the rest of the world, in both directions," said Hubert Vedrine, a former French foreign minister. "Almost all nations, with perhaps three or four exceptions, wanted change."

Others worried that Bush, strengthened by a bigger win than in 2000 and backed by a Republican Congress, would turn a deaf ear to world concerns.

"Europe will continue to criticize Bush the same way as earlier," said Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson. "But I do not believe that he will be more willing to listen."

Karsten Voigt, the German Foreign Ministry's top official for relations with Washington, said he hoped Bush would seize the chance for "a new beginning" with Europe.

The U.S. leader would do well to "approach the Europeans ... and say, let us sit down and talk about where we have common interests," Voigt said.

"That is necessary on the Middle East, it is necessary and possible in fighting terrorism and in the question of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, but it is also needed in the question of AIDS, climate protection and other issues."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged to work with Bush in the war on terrorism and in revitalizing the Middle East peace process, and called on Europe and the United States to "build anew their alliance" after strains created by the Iraq war.

OFF CAMPUS

State College locals impressed with voter turnout after years of student apathy

By Kathleen Haughney
Collegian Staff Writer

"We've never waited in line. We've always walked right in," Jan Snyder said as she and her husband Rog waited patiently to vote.

Jan and Rog Snyder, both 69, were taking their third trip to the polls around 6 last night.

They had taken a 95-year-old neighbor and a 94-year-old family member earlier in the day and found extremely long lines at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner St.

Students who were standing in line allowed the older women to go ahead of them.

Jan Snyder said she and her husband did not want to take advantage of the situation so they came back later to vote.

At that time, the wait was close to two hours.

"It's been very good," Donna Brooks, judge of elections at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 109 McAllister St., said about student turnout.

Brooks, who has been volunteering on Election Day for about 10 years, said at about 6:30 p.m. yesterday that close to 700 voters had already voted at the church.

She said she was happy with the number of students who had come to the polls.

"That's primarily what this precinct is," Brooks said.

She added that in previous years, only about 25 people would come to the polls at St. Paul's Methodist Church to cast their ballots.

At Grace Lutheran Church, Francis Coover, 70, stood in line for about 20 minutes waiting to vote.

He said he had never seen such a high turnout since he moved to the State College area in 1970.

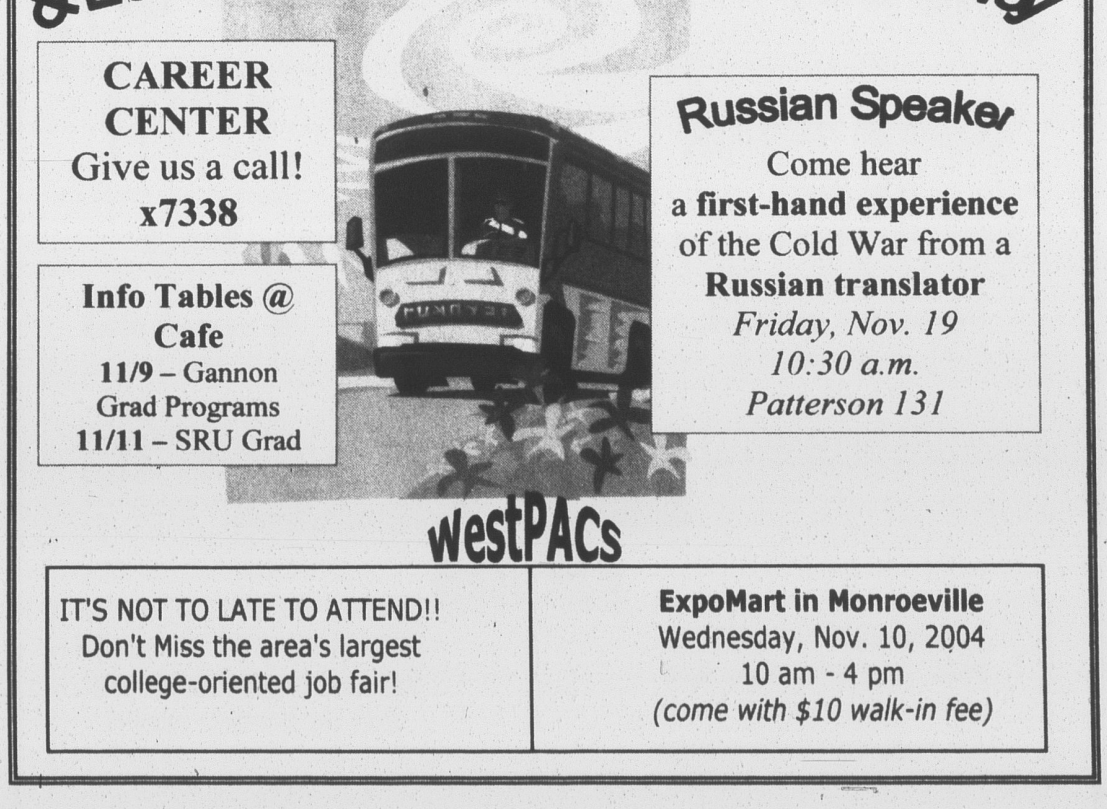
Coover had gone to the polls earlier in the day after he had finished work, but he said the lines were too long at that time, so he decided to run a few errands before returning to the church to vote.

"Usually I come in and the most is three people here," he said. "Almost always in the primary, I'm the only voter here."

Heidi Fletcher, who was passing out fliers in support of state Rep. Lynn Herman (R-Centre) at Centre Region Senior Center, 131 S. Fraser St., said she had seen a good mix of students and residents going to polls.

She said she had talked to a student who had just excitedly cast his ballot in his first election.

"It's good to see," she said. "They want to get their vote out."



Campus News

Election

Students split over choice of candidate

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Students on each political side arrived hopeful, but as the night continued, tension and frustration in the room grew.

"I'm honestly scared if Bush wins. I might not be in college anymore because I won't be able to afford it," said freshman Summer Simmes.

Simmes' friend shared a different opinion.

"A change would be too drastic right now because we're in the middle of quite a few conflicts," freshman Pamela Marlowe said. "Bush needs to be in there to finish those conflicts."

Regardless of who they hoped to win Tuesday's election, students on all political sides voiced joys and concerns about the election in general.

"I like that it seems like more people are involved. I like that people care," said senior Brad Steines.

Christian Coalition Outreach worker Morgan Whiteleather shares Steines' view.

"No matter what happens, I'm just glad people have decided to get up and say something."

Wren is glad people are voting, but he thinks the negative campaigning is counteracting all the voting drives.

"They're encouraging people to vote, but all the negative hype keeps people away. It makes them not like politics."

Many students share Wren's opinion, that regardless of the outcome, the negativity of this election has frustrated them.

"It would be nice to not see so much bashing of both parties. It would be nice if they said what was good about their platforms instead of just attacking the other person's," freshman Kial Vidick said.

Freshman Will Delair believes that negativity exists even at Westminster.

"The T-shirts bother me. All the t-shirts on campus that I see are trashing the candidates and not saying what their party has done," Delair said.

Freshman Danika Scott agrees with Delair that the campaigning in this election got out of hand.

"One thing that has made me really mad is that they spent over 200 million dollars in advertisements," she said.

The reasons people voted also frustrated students.

"I think it says a lot about the election that people are voting more against who they dislike than who they trust," explained senior Sebastian Driver-Salazar.

As freshman Jacob Moon put it, "Above the whole Republican-Democrat thing, the most important thing is that people vote for who they want for office. You only vote wrong if you vote for someone you don't believe in."

Regardless of who those votes happen to be for, many people are happy that students are getting involved.

"I'm impressed with everyone's interest in the election, with the voting turn out, with students and faculty," political science professor Dr. James Rhoads said.

This was the first time most students voted in a presidential election. "I'm excited that this is the first presidential election that I can vote in. I like how everyone is getting involved. It's good to see younger people being involved," freshman Bill Sadler said.

photo by Johnny Johnston

Students gave blood in the McKelvey student lounge on Thursday, Oct. 28. Of the 82 donors, 35 were donating for the first time.

Red Cross blood drive a major success

Number of first time donors astounds aid organization staff

By Caitlin Pratt
Campus Writer

The campus blood drive on Thursday, Oct. 28 was a major success, according to staff coordinator Beth Brooks. "When the Red Cross called on Friday, they were thrilled with the results of the blood drive," said Brooks.

The campus donors, which included students and faculty alike, helped the American Red Cross to meet its goal for this particular blood drive. Out of 103 potential donors, 82 were actually able to give blood. "The main reason that people were turned away was because their iron level was low," said Brooks.

Of the 82 donors, 35 were donating for the first time, a number which surprised the American Red Cross staff. Even more surprising, said Brooks, was the amount of first-timers who said that they would give blood in the future. The blood drive process ran smoothly, thanks in a large part to the campus volunteers who helped out during the six-hour period. The Red Cross commented on the good spirit of all the people involved in the blood drive, accordingto Brooks.

A new system for processing donors as they arrived for their appointments involved handing each person a card in order to ensure that the donors were taken in the correct order. This system, in addition to campus volunteers and a large number of donors, contributed to the overall efficiency of the blood drive.

The Red Cross has been holding blood drives at Westminster for the past 16 years, said Brooks. According to Brooks, The Red Cross comes back every year forthe blood drive because "They know that we are committed to it."

The next campus blood drive is scheduled for Feb. 28.

LAN party unites students through computer gaming

By Blake Morrow
Campus Writer

The admissions department sponsored the second Westminster College LAN Games, held in the Hoyt science center this past Saturday.

Colin Dean, the sophomore computer science major who created and is in charge of setting up the Westminster College LAN Games, uses this event to give current students, prospective students and alumni a day of extreme computer gaming and fellowship.

Each individual who participated in this event was required to bring his or her own desktop or laptop computer. The computers were then set up to a network which is much smaller, but a lot more responsive than TitanNet since one of the sponsors lended the group a $225 piece of networking equipment known as a gigabit switch.

This network allowed all the students access to play numerous games against each other throughout the day. The games that the students competed against each other with were played in a tournament style competition, and students had chances to win various prizes. Some of the games that were played at this semester's event were Battlefield 1942, Doom 3, Halo and Unreal Tournament 2004. More than 26 students and five alumni participated in this event as it lasted for over ten hours.

"I get a thrill out of putting this whole thing together and seeing it all come together at the end," said Dean.

This semester, the LAN games were sponsored by various organizations. Bawls Guarana, a high caffeine beverage, was the event's main contributor. Bawls donated a surplus number of beverages and a banner for the school. Other corporate and small business sponsors included NewEgg, Cad.cx and ShadowMajik.

Justin Egley, a junior media art major, was pleased with his first experience. "Seeing that this was my first LAN party, it was a pretty exciting experience playing with all of these people."

Winners of the game walked away with t-shirts, posters, stickers and beach towels. All of these prizes were donated by the sponsoring companies.

Willis Bretz, junior history major, said "we are not all computer geeks, we are people who just love to play games."

Local park closed at night due to vandalism

By Nawal Rajeh
Campus Writer

The borough park is no longer open to walk through at night due to vandalism.

The New Wilmington Borough Park closes every night at 11 p.m. However, it is in a convenient location for students to pass through on weekends while going to and from parties.

"I think it was the only choice the Borough could make. They were trying to help us out, but a few irresponsible people always ruin it for the rest of us," said senior Mary Huebert.

At the beginning of this semester, complaints were received from residents about noise, particularly on the way to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house from campus. This led John Lechner, dean of security, and Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo to work out an agreement that allowed students to go through the park. Lechner saw this as a good way to keep students away from houses.

During the first two weeks of this newly acquired privilege, two incidences of vandalism occurred.

"It was an experiment and it didn't work," said Lechner.

According to Piccirillo, these were the only incidents in the park the whole year. No one can say for sure if students caused them.

"All we're trying to do is protect the park from being damaged. It usually happens after 11 into the wee hours of the morning," said Piccirillo.

Both a landscaping light by Market Street and a Coca-Cola machine were vandalized. According to Piccirillo, the Coca-Cola machine was tipped over and smashed, completely destroying it. This led authorities to believe it wasn't young children who caused the damage.

Police have been patrolling the Park to ensure no one is walking through at night. Students confronted while walking through the park have been reminded that it closes at 11 p.m. They are then asked not to walk through the Park on their way back to the dorms. According to Piccirillo, everyone has been very orderly.

If students do get caught in the Park after hours, however, they can be cited under ordinance.

"We're not trying to take a shot at students," said Piccirillo. "But there is no reason to be down there."

Junior Colby King does not feel that closing the park will make a difference.

"It doesn't change anything," King said. "It doesn't matter to a drunken idiot if the park is closed or open. They're still drunken idiots, and if they want to vandalize the park, they're going to."

The measures being taken are to protect borough property. Though the park can no longer be used as a shortcut to parties, students are expected to be good neighbors to the town of New Wilmington.

"I encourage everyone to use the Happy Bus and I encourage everyone to use good judgment with their conduct so we don't become too disruptive," said Lechner.

Halloween organ concert fills auditorium with eerie music

By Serah Stauffer
Campus Writer

The music department's annual Halloween organ concert ushered the campus into holiday festivities, featuring frightful costumes, eerie lighting and even a witch stirring a smoky cauldron of poison at center stage.

The atmosphere of the concert, which took place on Friday, October 29 in Orr Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., was successfully creepy thanks to the lighting crew who cast the room in shades of red and purple, making the sneers of the Jack-O-Lanterns shine brighter.

The "spooks," as they were referred to by host Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, were students Shelley Culver, Erin Davis, Megan Swank, Jaimee Davis, Cyndi Mancini, Kevin Rush and Craig Dressler.

The pieces selected ranged from the mellow and haunting to the piercing and frightening. After the audience was dropped into pitch darkness and a shriek rang off the walls of the auditorium, Culver opened with a classic Halloween piece, Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor."

Harrison kept up the mood throughout the evening, filling the space in between pieces by dramatically introducing the next player in a raspy voice and with slow gestures.

Mancini added to the theatrics by riding down the aisle on a scooter, dressed as a fallen angel, to join the other organists.

Junior Nadia Buzzelli, Christian education and music major, attended the concert to support her fellow musicians and was impressed with the show. "It's fun. It's loud. It's kind of cool," she said.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:59 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Monday	7:01 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Tuesday	7:02 a.m.	5:08 p.m.
Wednesday	7:03 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	12:09 a.m.	2:33 p.m.
Sunday	1:14 a.m.	2:56 p.m.
Monday	2:19 a.m.	3:17 p.m.
Tuesday	3:27 a.m.	3:39 p.m.
Wednesday	4:37 a.m.	4:02 p.m.

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Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26

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Butler, PA	50	37	pc	56	40	sh	48	35	sh	46	32	pc	44	31	c
Cambridge, OH	56	39	pc	63	39	sh	52	36	pc	49	31	pc	46	32	c
Canton, OH	52	39	pc	58	39	sh	44	36	pc	47	32	pc	46	32	c
Cincinnati, OH	56	42	s	60	42	s	54	38	pc	52	36	s	52	33	pc
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Tennis team finishes third

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans tennis team had a great showing at the PAC tournament, which was held at the Pennbriar Fitness and Racquet club in Erie. The ladies finished up with a third place showing behind Waynesburg and Grove City.

Freshman Christina Commisso captured the sixth singled flight after defeating competitors from Waynesburg and Grove City. Senior Amy Browell earned ALL-PAC second team marks after she placed second in fifth singles after defeating her opponent from Washington and Jefferson.

The dominating doubles tandem of seniors Bethany Grubbs and Browell claimed their second straight first doubles championship, a feat that has never been done before for the Titans. The ladies were able to defeat teams from Waynesburg and Grove City on their way to the back-to-back title.

"It was a great feeling to show everyone that we could do it again this year," Grubbs said. "It is really cool to think about how four years ago Coach Haas put us together as a team and we just clicked."

Titan coach S. Kipley Haas was named 2004 PAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.

Ahead of the game

Soccer teams end season with shutout victories over Bethany

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The men closed out their 2004 regular season campaign with another shutout victory over Bethany College 2-0. With this win, the Titans end the season with a 15-3 overall record along with a 8-2 record in the PACs. As an added bonus to the win, the Titans clinched the top seed in the PAC tournament, which gives them a first round bye and home field advantage throughout the PAC playoffs.

The Titans came out firing on all cylinders as sophomore Mark Sadler scored the first goal just 2:38 into the game. Senior Zach Saxman assisted him on the play. The Titans would take this single goal lead into half time. Saxman kept his momentum going as he netted the final goal of the contest late in the game. Freshman Garret Horvath assisted him on the final goal. Freshman goalie Chris Passione earned another shutout win making four saves. The Titans out shot the Bison 19-11, but trailed them in corner kicks by a tally of 3-1.

Just like the men, the ladies were able to close out their 2004 season in impressive fashion with a 4-0 win over Bethany as well. This final win of the regular season leaves their record at a dominating 13-6-1 overall and 8-1-1 in the PACs. The Titans may have been able to net a few more goals, however the game was called with fifteen minutes left due to poor field conditions.

Four different lady Titans were able to fine the back of the net. Freshman Olivia Wilkerson opened the game with an unassisted goal early in the game. Thee ladies were able to double their lead when Sophomore Christa Andamasaris scored to close out the first half of play. The second half proved to be just as great as the Titans added two more goals from Seniors Melissa Schroder and Angie DePascle to close out the Bison. The goalie tandem of Seniors Nicole Drummond and Laura Vollmer proved to be too great for Bethany, as the two combined for three stops in the win. The Titans held advantages in both shots (27-4) and corner kicks (4-0

The ladies now also look forward to the PAC tournament. With their season record they have earned a second seed and a first round bye as well, and played Washington and Jefferson on Thursday.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Freshmen Andrea Michalenko and Olivia Wilkerson crash the goal as Waynesburg's goalkeeper snatches the ball out of the air. The Titans defeated the Presidents 8-0 last Tuesday.

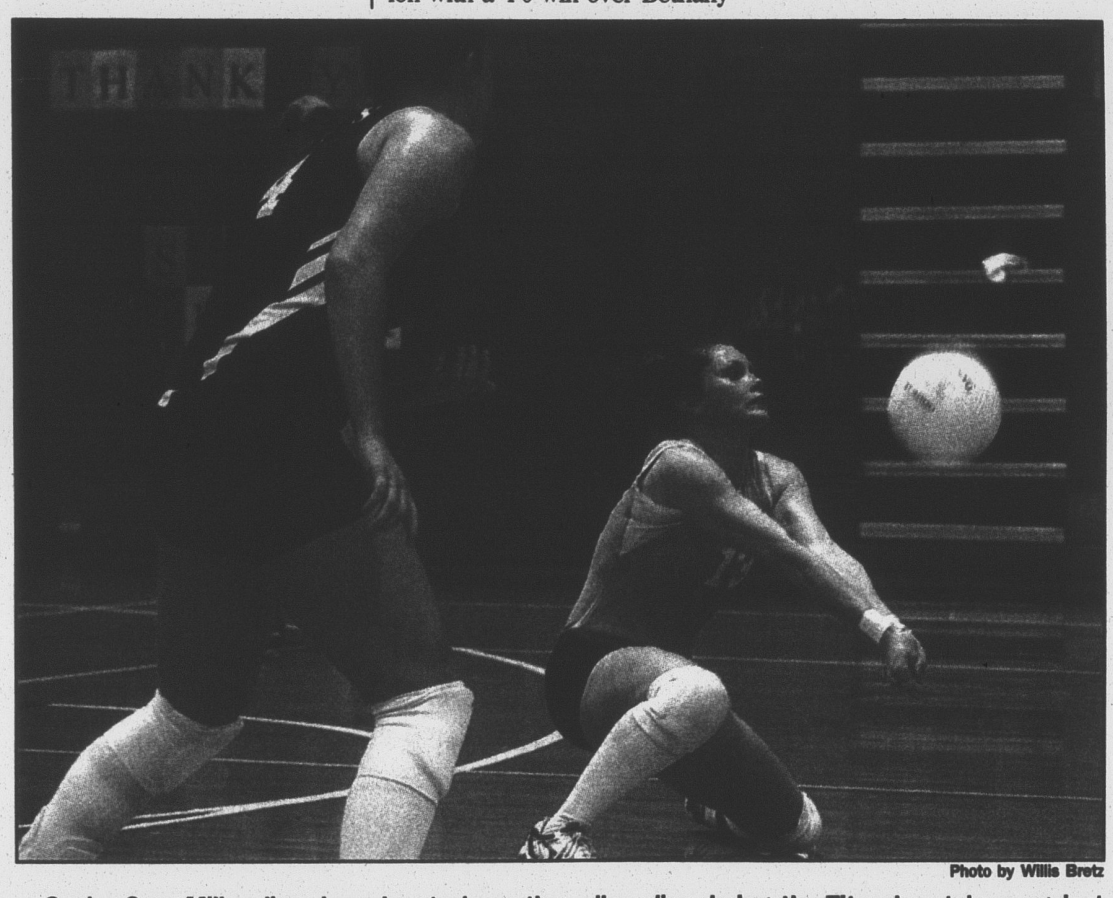


Photo by Willis Bretz

Senior Sara Miller digs down low to keep the volley alive during the Titans' match-up against Grove City this past Wednesday.

Hitters secure second seed in playoffs

The volleyball team closed the 2004 regular season at 19-12 overall and 7-3 in PAC play on Tuesday at home. as the Lady Titan spikers posted a 30-21, 17-30, 30-13, 30-26 win over league rival Grove City College. The win, coupled with a three-set win by Waynesburg over Washington & Jefferson, secured the #2 seed and an opening round bye for the Lady Titans at this week's PAC Volleyball Championship Tournament.

Junior outside hitter Erin Hinks led three Lady Titans with double digit kill totals by posting a team-best 14 kills, followed by senior middle hitter Sarah McKain and freshman outside hitter Hannah Parker with 12 apiece. Sophomore setter Rachael Cooper posted team-high totals of 26 assists and five service aces, while senior Lauren Lalama added 23 assists. Parker and senior libero Sara Miller posted a team-best 18 kills each, while McKain and ophomore middle hitter Katie McDermott added five and four total blocks, respectively. GCC was paced by Rachel Peterson and Kelly Tinney with nine kills apiece.

Football win over Frostburg brings record to 4-4

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Titan football team defeated non-conference opponent Frostburg State University by the count of 25-13.

The win evens the Titans' overall season mark at 4-4 (1-2, President's Athletic Conference).

Senior running back Scott Froelich displayed some versatility by contributing to all four Titan scores in different ways.

Froelich rushed for two scores (19, 61), while exchanging touchdown passes with senior quarterback Joe Getsy.

Froelich hauled in a 19-yard Getsy pass for a score, while also tossing a 25-yard scoring strike to Getsy on a halfback option pass.

Froelich finished the day with 181 yards rushing on 30 carries.

With his 181 yards, Froelich surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

A seeming PAC All-Conference front-runner, Froelich's 1,161 yards rushing this season leads the conference's second leading rusher, Waynesburg sophomore Ryan Abels (859), by just over 300 yards.

Froelich is also second in the PAC in touchdowns. His 14 ranks him just behind Washington & Jefferson junior standout wide receiver Aaron Krepps.

Froelich's effort against Frostburg State was supported by tough offensive line play, a solid quarterback effort, the emergence of freshman fullback Josh Kutzner, and a balanced attack by the Titan receivers.

Getsy finished the afternoon five of eight passing for 56 yards and one touchdown.

Junior tight end Josh Bero paced the Titans in receiving. Bero caught two balls for 38 yards.

Defensively, the Titans were led by a trio of seniors: linebacker Tommy Kaminsky, defensive back Clint DeLuca and defensive lineman Tony Ventresco.

Kaminsky paced the Titan defense with ten tackles, while DeLuca posted nine tackles and one interception.

Ventresco tallied eight tackles and one half quarterback sack.

Ventresco and fellow senior defensive lineman Don Waldron rank among PAC leaders in sacks. They are third and fifth, respectively.

The Titans will look to even their PAC mark at 2-2 on Saturday, Nov. 6 when they travel to Grove City to battle conference foe, the Grove City College Wolverines.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Basketball picked to finish second

The men's and women's basketball teams were each picked to finish in second place in the 2004-05 PAC Preseason Poll.

The men's basketball team overcame a 2-8 start in 2003-04 to finish 15-13 overall, 8-2 in the PAC, and earn the school's first-ever PAC Championship and ECAC Tournament berth. All five starters return, led by junior guard Mark DeMonaco who averaged a team- and PAC-best 18.1 points per game last season.

The women's basketball team posted an overall of 15-11 and second-place regular season finish in the PAC. The Lady Titans also earned the program's first-ever postseason playoff berth, as they competed in the ECAC South Region Tournament. The team will be led by senior Erica Tallo.

Swim teams sweep titles at annual Titan Relay Carnival

The men's and women's swimming teams hosted the annual Titan Relay Carnival on Friday, Oct. 29 at the Westminster Natatorium, with both the Titans and Lady Titans capturing first place in a six-team field.

In combined competition, the men's and women's teams posted 232 points followed by Allegheny (168), John Carroll (158), Edinboro (132), Salem International (90) and Penn State-Altoona (18).

The Lady Titans won six of the 10 relay events, while the Titan men captured five of 10 relays.

The swimming teams return to action next Saturday, Nov. 6, as Westminster opens its dual meet season with a non-conference contest against NCAA Division II Ashland at the Natatorium at 1 p.m.

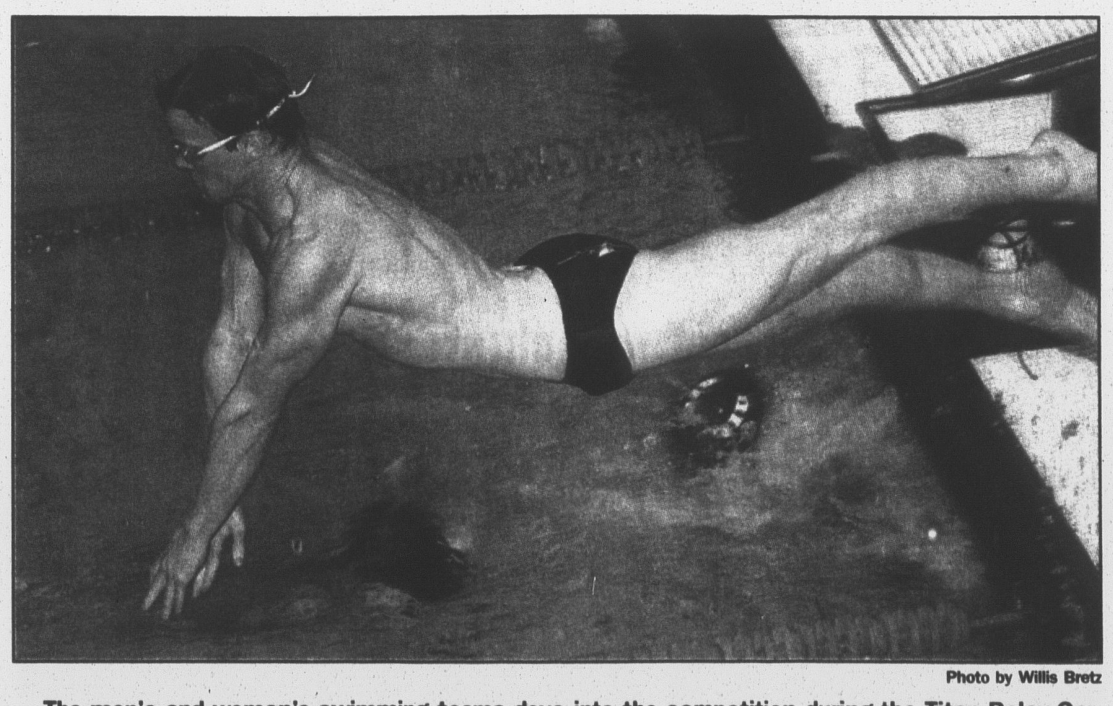


Photo by Willis Bretz

The men's and women's swimming teams dove into the competition during the Titan Relay Carnival on October 29 and came out on top of a total of six teams.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Return of the 'roids

During the past few weeks, steroids have been placed back into the main stream of athletics. Ken Caminiti suffered a heart attack at the age of 41. He and Jose Canseco both admitted to using steroids during their professional careers. Caminiti's recent death has brought a lot of questions to the table on why someone would use something that would possibly bring an early end to their life.

Caminit's heart attack was related to a cocaine addiction, but it has been said by medical professionals that his steroid use also most likely contributed. These tragic events can be used as an example of the power of steroids in the lives of athletes— collegiate or professional.

You may ask yourself why someone would even want to use something when harmful side-effects almost always result. Well, it's really quite simple. The main reason is to improve their performance in a sport. Bodybuilding is where the use of steroids is known to be the highest. However, steroids use in other athletic fields depends upon the sport. One sport is football.

The NCAA now is cracking down on steroid use at all levels of football. Testing is most frequent in Division I. I know people who are on scholarship at Iowa, Penn State, Pitt and other schools, and they have said they are tested at least ten times a season.

The goal is to keep the level of competition fair and also keep the athletes safe. Steroids provide an unfair advantage because they almost eliminate muscle recovery time. As a student athlete, this is one of the biggest issues as a player—being at peak performance, at all times.

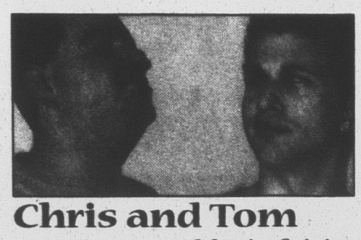
The short term and long term side effects of their use is devastating. There really is no advantage. To me, there are only disadvantages. Steroids in my book are cheating and can cause you to hurt yourself and let your teammates down.

Why would steroids even appeal to someone? The side effects are numerous and there is no way around them. Being that they work by producing testosterone, which is used in building muscles, they have an adverse effect on your hormonal system. In men, where testosterone is high to begin with, it can spike the levels. In defense, your body will produce more estrogen to balance hormones. In men, this will lead to the development of breasts, severe acne and male pattern baldness. For women, it gives them a more masculine appearance and yes, baldness is also a side effect. In both sexes, it can lead to heart attack, stroke, cancer, hormonal imbalances, "roid rage," mania and delusions. I value my health over peak performance when there are side effects like this.

Success in sports takes skill, talent and most of all, hard work and dedication. As I had previously stated, using steroids is a form of cheating. Without a doubt, this interferes with fair play and competition. There are many other ways to improve on your athletic skills and abilities in a healthy manner. They are simple. Train hard without the use of drugs, eat a healthy diet, get plenty of rest and set goals that you can reach and be proud when accomplished. If you or someone you know is using steroids, get help or get them help. They are only hurting themselves and everyone else around them. Take a stand! Truly successful athletes combine ability and hard work to get where they are. There is no fast or easy way to be the best.

Arts & Entertainment

From Booty Call to the Oscars: Ray is Jamie Foxx's ticket



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

The year began with an unfortunately overlooked Jim Carrey. Then, like usual, there was a drought. Cruise had a chance, but flopped. In the upcoming months, it will be Neeson, DiCaprio, Cheadle, Depp and Farrell who the critics watch.

But all of their work is likely to be a mere formality; because, on October 29, the Oscar for Best Actor was essentially handed to Jamie Foxx. Jamie Foxx? Yes. From Booty Call to In Living Color, the stand-up comedian seemed like he would run around the dumb comedy circuit until he became more annoying than funny. Then, five years ago, he stood toe-to-toe with Al Pacino in Any Given Sunday. Years of work have produced a performance so amazing, that there is little doubt he will be rewarded.

Foxx essentially does not exist in Ray. He becomes the legendary Ray Charles so convincingly that it is easier to talk as if we watched Charles himself instead of an actor. The film centers around Ray's life as he becomes a star until the end of the 1960's. More times of trouble seem to exist for Ray than times of happiness and these bad times become the focus of the film.

Specifically, the movie covers Ray's drug use and the effects the dependency had on his life. Furthermore the film shows the frequently adulterous Ray while touring.

This focus of the movie is where it is clear that the movie itself is trying to be as unbiased as possible. The camera rarely tries to make the adultery seem bad, and even the characters that get Ray on the drugs acknowledge that it is no good for him.

We see a relatively open-to-judgment movie, with director Taylor Hackford tending to stay as neutral as possible. Common feelings of disgust and frustration with a cheating, drug addicted hero like Charles are left without mention by the director. Instead it is the characters, like Jeff Brown (Clifton Powell), who represent how the audience is feeling about Ray's choices and actions.

The trouble is, each time a character like Brown leaves Ray's life, the audience is detached slightly more from Ray himself. Toward the end of the film, when Brown is out of the picture altogether, there is little emotion the audience shares with Ray Charles at all. It is likely that most individuals our age walk into the film with an admiration and respect for Charles. This tactic to detach the audience from Charles therefore ruins such preconceived notions by the end of the film.

When the film ends, there is little retribution for Charles in the audience's eyes. There is no mention of how this once legendary performer was reduced to Pepsi and KFC commercials, and the wonderful Powerball jingle. It is not known if Charles became a better man before he died this year. Did he reconcile with his wife and kids? We do learn he kicks the drug habit, but what effect did all those years of drug use have on his family and friends?

Ray is a biopic and thus forced to only comment slightly on the life of the performer. Hackford could have, however, lessened the emphasis on drug use and presented the audience with a slightly broader picture of Ray's later life and family. His kids seem to not exist at all and his loving wife is practically forgotten.

Still, Ray is a well made film and has more going for it than most other films released this year. The acting is amazing, with spectacular performances by Foxx, Regina King (who likely will receive an Oscar nomination for Supporting Actress based of the "Hit the Road Jack" scene alone) and Ray's wife portrayed by Kerry Washington.

Other performances such as Sharon Warren, Aunjanue Ellis, Bokeem Woodbine and Curtis Armstrong (Booger from Revenge of the Nerds!) provide a strong supporting cast. Every performance in the movie delivers; resulting in quite possibly the best ensemble cinema has seen in years.

Just as amazing as the acting is the use of sound in Ray. Every element of sound in a film is maximized to create the most emotional effect. Charles' own songs are used to comment on his life, clearly reflecting his emotions at the time he wrote them. Sound effects are significant throughout, allowing the viewer to experience life in a similar way as Ray. When neither of these is present, a beautiful score continues to tell the story. This is where the movie shines technically.

Ray is obviously not a perfect person, nor is this a perfect movie. The story could have been tightened to provide a more complete and fulfilling presentation of his life. The end of the film leaves too much unclear about the star we so recently mourned.

Nonetheless, Foxx delivers one of cinema's greatest performances and the sound will move you in more ways than imaginable. It is an experience that will change your views on Ray Charles.

Give Ray a try, and let the movie speak for itself. It's likely not enough to win Best Picture, but expect several nominations for the film and a new mantle piece for Foxx, we mean Ray, in this B+/A- movie.

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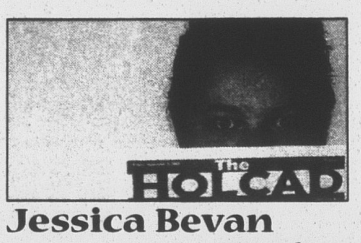
Fake news in real time: Why the Daily Show rules



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Right now, I find it highly interesting that the "most trusted name in news" is a comedian. A comedian with his very own show that runs Monday through Thursday on Comedy Central. Yes, you know who I'm talking about: my (supposedly) non-partisan hero, Jon Stewart.

I'll admit I was late to jump on the Daily Show bandwagon. I really didn't start watching the show until late this summer, but better late than never, I suppose. And after reading the interview Rolling Stone did two issues ago, I felt spurred to do a little song and dance tribute of my own. (That issue is also serving as my source for quotes.)

As for the prerequisite history lesson, the show started small with Craig Kilborn at the news desk. The show wasn't as politically slanted as it is today; it had news parodies but zeroed in on celebrity mishaps and interviews with those fantastic B-list folks we all sort of know and love instead. Jon Stewart took over the show in 1998, and hasn't looked back since.

Today, we not only have Stewart, but correspondents Rob Corddry, Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, and, my favorite, Ed Helms. (And I do have to give love to alumni, Mo Rocca, who is one of the best parts of VH1's "I love the <insert decade here>")

In a nutshell, the writers and on-air personalities consider themselves "scolds who are good with a pun... We write the premise, we wait two seconds and then we deliver the punch line – usually something surprising, or ending with a vulgarity."

While Stewart is still interviewing the occasional B-lister, he's taken the show in such a direction that more people, especially in our age group, rely on the Daily Show as their primary source for current events and political news.

Not that the show hasn't had some mild controversy recently. In mid-September, the lord of Fox News, Bill O'Reilly, claimed that 87% of the Daily Show audience is made up of "stoned slackers." ("We actually thought it was higher and were slightly disappointed." – Stewart)

However, some folks at this Annenberg Center have found that Daily Show viewers are amongst TV's most informed. ("My guess is that the Annenberg people were high when they said that." – Stewart)

Most recently, Stewart was a guest on a little show on CNN, called Crossfire, where he got into the verbal brawl about legitimacy of his show with Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson.

Stewart stated, and constantly maintains, the mantra that "We're just a comedy show."

But it's become so much more than that. John Edwards announced his bid to be the Democratic nominee for President so many months ago on the show. (To which Stewart gave that look of "you've got to be kidding me" and reminded Edwards that this is fake news.) Still, Edwards, and many other political personalities have realized the power that the Daily Show holds.

I think Stewart said it best when he commented that "ultimately I'm judged on whether or not the show is funny. If people get certain insight from the comedy, that's wonderful, because we're trying to do jokes about things we care about and certainly our point of view is inherent in it. But the idea that somehow we fail when we don't live up to journalistic expectations is misleading of what it is we're doing."

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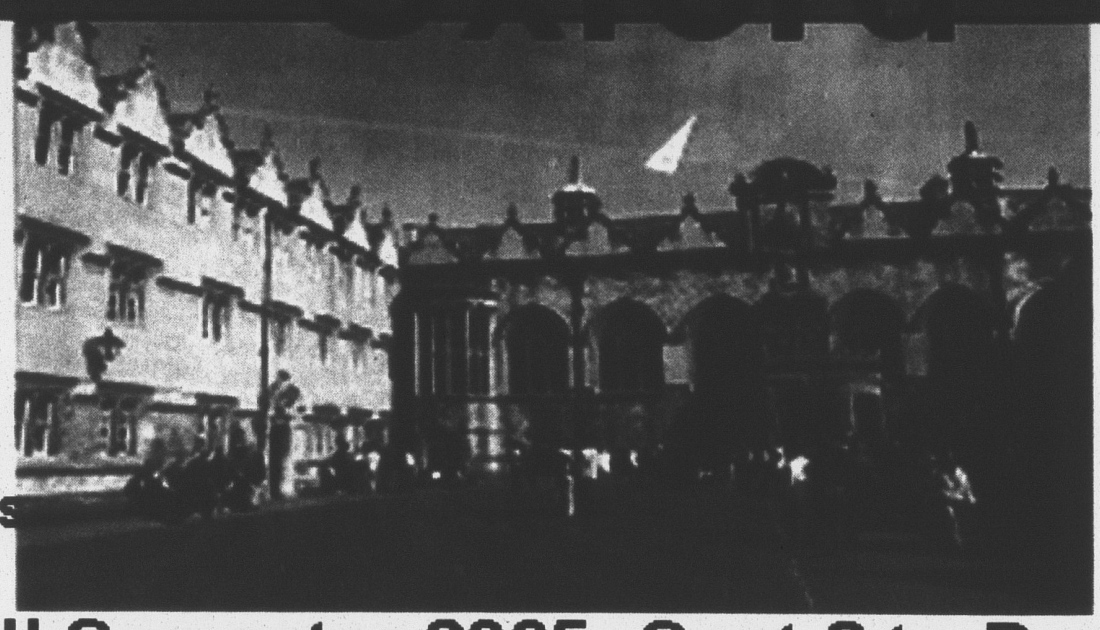
Before you register for the Spring,
think about the Fall

Westminster at Oxford



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CALENDAR

November 05, 2004
Drop One Class - First-Year Only
Last Day to Withdraw - Upperclass/Transfer Students
11 AM - 1 PM Green Party Collection for City Rescue Mission — MCC Orchard Street Cafe (through November 12)
11 AM - 7 PM Gospel Choir's CD for Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
7 PM Speaker: Ruby Bridges — Orr Auditorium
8 PM Theta Chi Suitcase Party — MCC Club/Lounge
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

November 06, 2004
2 PM Classic Film Series: The Searchers — MCC Mueller Theatre
3 PM "Just Imagine" Planetarium Show — Hoyt 116 (Planetarium)
7:00 PM "Just Imagine" Planetarium Show — Hoyt 116 (Planetarium)
8 PM CPC Presents: Rob Paravonian, comedian — MCC Club/Lounge
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10 PM Buses Leave for Night Owl Bowling — MCC Front Entrance (Shaw Hall side)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

November 07, 2004
Non-Traditional Student Week (through November 13)
3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
3 PM Orchestra Concert — Orr Auditorium
8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311
9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

November 08, 2004
REGISTRATION
7 PM Ski Club Meeting — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:30 PM Piano Showcase Recital — Orr Auditorium
9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9 PM Monday Night Football: Minnesota at Indianapolis — MCC Club
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

November 09, 2004
REGISTRATION
12:45 PM All-Campus Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
4 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse with Dr. Kent Kille, College of Wooster, Political Science Department — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230
5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255
7:30 PM Math and Computer Science Careers Night — Hoyt 152
9 PM RACT Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
1 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

November 10, 2004
REGISTRATION
11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Suzanne Prestien, "Money for Nothin' and the Chicks for Free: Rock 'n' Roll on Film" — MCC Mueller Theater
4:30 PM Psychology Department Colloquium: Dr. Margaret Clark, Carnegie Mellon University, "What is a High Quality Relationship?" — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
6 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228
7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Kiss Me, Kate — Beeghly Theater
9 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9 PM Stargazing (weather permitting) — Roof of Hoyt Science Center (meet in lobby)
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

November 11, 2004
REGISTRATION
VETERANS' DAY
12:30 PM LEAD Luncheon — MCC 255 and Club
12:40 PM SLAC Meeting — MCC Drinko Center
1:30 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116
5:30 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231
6 PM Matrix Physics — MCC Mueller Theater
7 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 352
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Kiss Me, Kate — Beeghly Theater
8 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 230
8 PM Sigma Nu Rent-a-Snake — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Last weeks's answers

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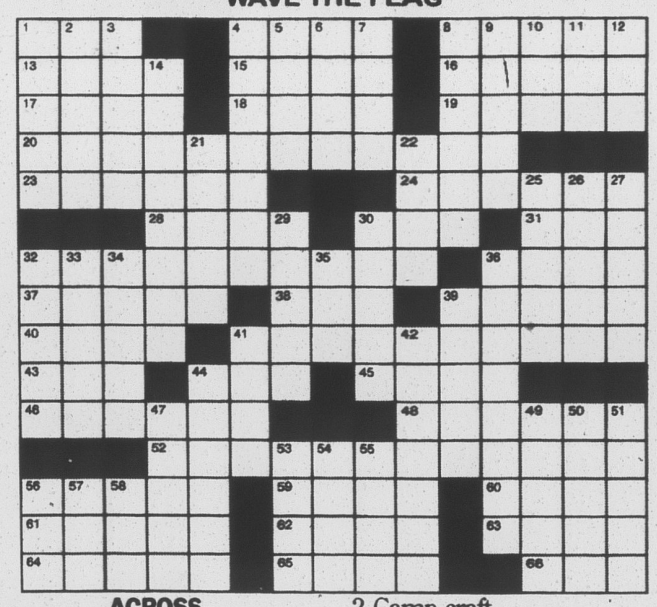

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Hasty communication with a partner sets the stage for a misunderstanding. Take time to clearly explain your goals and expectations.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): A favorite hobby or side interest leads to an exciting social opportunity. Do what you enjoy and success and happiness are sure to follow.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Encouragement and positive leadership creates a healthy setting for children to thrive. Set a good example and practice what you preach.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is OK to talk about your feelings honestly and openly. Be unafraid and unconcerned about what others might think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): This is a highly mental or intellectually stimulating period in your life. Surround yourself with like-minded individuals and share the excitement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A financial or asset review is long overdue. Inventory your cash, stocks and bonds to reach the bottom line.

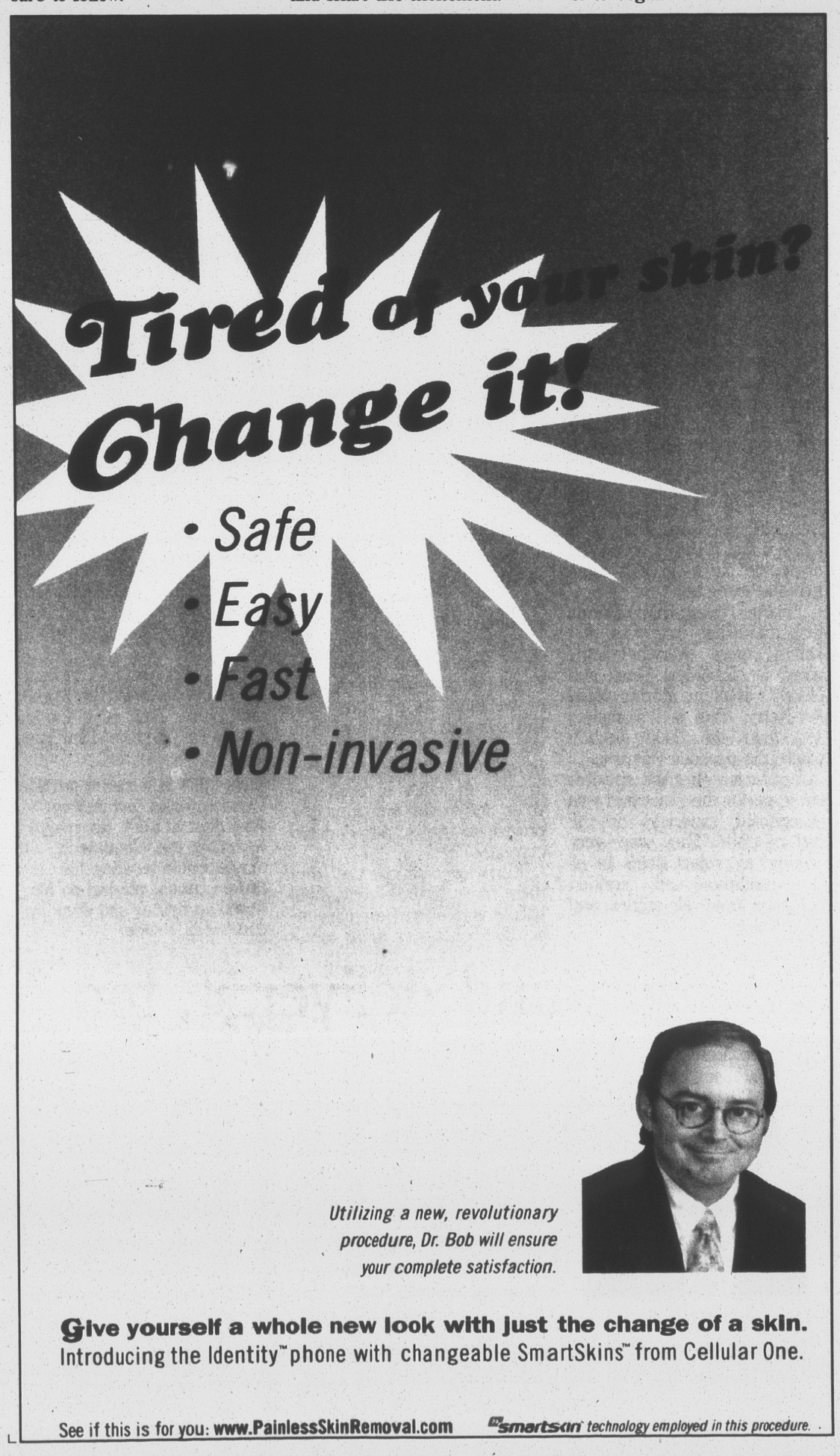
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Reach out in the pursuit of new adventures, and discover bold and exciting ways to expand your personal horizons. The sky is the limit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Put the past behind and start making plans for the future. As one chapter in your life ends, it is natural for another to begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Friends or associates are a great source of information. When in doubt about an important decision, seek their help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Someone in authority willingly offers guidance or support. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your overall skills.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Experiences with people from foreign lands opens your eyes to many different cultures or beliefs. Get involved and maximize your intake.



Features

Talking 'bout our generation: Instant Messanger

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

Congratulations W with the being elected president and what not. Each candidate did a fine job, I applaud both of you (I'm sure they are both reading the Holcad right now).

Now that electing a leader of our nation is out of the way, let's get back to what is really important: checking away messages on Instant Messenger. Wait a second... 'get back' would imply that there was a moment in time when our hands were away from our computer mice and the on-screen arrow was not positioned above the "get info" button. Silly me! Like that would ever happen!

It seems that in recent years Instant Messenger has become the single, most important necessity for a majority of college students (easily out ranking proper nourishment and brain cells). We are addicts, and our drug of choice is crack- scratch that- I mean instant messenger, or IM.

Looking back on my personal experience with IM, I first realized I had a problem when my computer crapped-out last semester. A smart student would take the broken computer to the help desk. Not me; I found a way to access IM through the computer's "safe mode". Therefore, I spent a larger part of my semester staring at desktop icons the size of my face. I felt trapped, as if I was in a Mario Brothers video game on a level where Mario and the gang are puffed up to an abnormal size. The theme music incessantly played in my mind. After months, I had adapted to the "safe mode" atmosphere like a champ. Taking my laptop to the help desk for repairs had been too big of a risk. It could have been gone for days.

Days without IM? How would I communicate; or perhaps more importantly, how would I know what every person on my buddy list is doing every moment throughout the day?! Are they furthering their pursuit of knowledge? Eating a hoagie? Washing socks? IM had become an indispensable tool of communication and stalking.

This is just plain madness people. What makes IM so stinkin' addictive? I'm going to sort through this technological evil for the sake of us all.

Clever Screennames

Clearly, having an IM name, or screen name, does not make one a better person. Frankly, I'm not sure how any one of us could possibly look one another in the eyes after exchanging screen names. I have yet to come across any person that boasts a particularly cool screen name.

Most likely, each name includes one of the following words: sexy, boy, babe, queen, player, dancer, or the name of the school that you attend to prove your college-worthy intelligence. Also included in a large quantity of names is a significant number usually symbolizing the day on which the namesake was conceived.

Away Messages

Things that should never happen: posting in an away message about being naked in the shower (no one needs that mental image, thanks but no thanks) and the 'if you need me call the cell (or, worst case scenario, the 'cellie')' line with the number written after.

Sure, one's ability to clean oneself is certainly something to take pride in, but please don't announce it to the world. I've posted away messages about showering in the past as well. We can all learn from our mistakes! Go ahead and write about being in math perspectives or chilling with the significant other, but please for the love of all that is good, no more shower notifications.

The only thing that to be said about the cell phone line is this: what is so important that people that do not already have your cell phone number need to call you? "Hi Laura, I know your away message says you are doing math homework, but I wanted to let you know that the hospital finally found you a suitable new kidney." Hmm.

Profiles

Profiles, or the information that one provides about his or her self for every IM user to see, are crazy good times. In a single profile, you can read about how one feels about religion, politics, and society as a whole. And of course, by this I mean that each person will select some deep lyrics from a popular song, and we will all be impressed by the way they totally fit his or her life situation.

If lyrics aren't present in a profile, a 'shout out' to a friend or a synopsis of "the greatest weekend ever!" will fill the space.

The greatest of all 'shout outs' is that of one designed for those in romantic relationships. You will know, whether you care or not, how someone feels about their significant other with the ever present existence of hearts and nonsensical phrases like 'wish you were here, baby-doll smoochykins', followed by a smiley that oozes seduction (see smiley chart). Profiles of this nature only lead to the reader having a sincere desire to punch him or herself in the throat.

What is so appealing about this unstoppable force of IM? Everything about it is ridiculous. And yet, I cannot stop clicking.

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The Smiley Guide

(Note: Whoever decided that we can call things "smiley," should be punted.)

Expresses sadness. When used alone in an away message, expresses the desire for pity.

This smiley has only one functional eye.

Used after typing phrases that have the intention of being funny, but just don't quite cut it. Example: 'Lovin' all this work (regrettable tongue-sticking out smiley)'

Don't get too close! This smiley will seduce you with its feminine wiles.

Man, I am so mad... the only way to properly address and deal with my anger is to use this smiley. Yes, that will do the trick.

Oozes innocence. But most likely will end up in an away message that declares the writer is consuming mind-boggling amounts of liquor.

Why is this smiley even an option? Who ever thought that this was a good idea?

This smiley just discovered that it is about to be hit by a bus.

The universal image for taking exams.

Political Pong: The good fight and a long night

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

I don't think anyone could have woken up Tuesday morning and said with any confidence, "Today 'blank' will will win."

Four years ago, at 2 a.m., I sat in my bedroom glued to the television not knowing who was going to win the presidency. Wednesday morning, at 2 a.m., I did the same. This election night eerily reflected that of 2000.

Think about it: One state hanging in the balance that would give victory to either candidate, a mass number of ballots that for legal purposes were not being counted, networks all over the place on who was winning and by how much, and of course, George W. Bush eventually projected as the winner. Yes, the election of 2004 was anything but predictable, so I'd like to take this time to give you my two cents on the whole ordeal.

Like Russ, several things surprised me.

For one, I couldn't believe how differently all the news networks were calling the states. Depending on what network you were watching (CBS, ABC, NBC, Fox, CNN, etc.), Bush was up by 13 electoral votes, 27 votes, or as little as 3. What happened to vowing not to have another "2000?" It was my understanding that the networks had all agreed to use the same exit polls and precinct information in order to remain uniform, thereby preventing premature projections. Not the case, although I am going to have to award CNN as the most reliable and cautious.

Another thing that surprised me was Kerry's somewhat quick concession. When I had finally decided to retire on Tuesday night, I had nightmares of weeks of litigation and counts and recounts. However, by 11 a.m. Wednesday morning, the ordeal was over. Kerry had called President Bush to congratulate him on his victory, and the networks were scrambling to announce the end of election 2004.

I honestly thought, and wouldn't have blamed him for doing so, that the Kerry campaign would hold out longer to really get a grip on the number and validity of these provisional ballots. Personally, I think he conceded so early to prevent the American public from becoming agitated on the whole situation, but I didn't expect Kerry to throw in the towel as quickly as he did.

Things that didn't surprise me: Bush winning the popular vote. Although the swing states have flip-flopped (last time I'll ever say, write, or think that word, by the way) with who was winning their state and by how many percentage points, the national polls have remained pretty consistent in the past month. The CNN/Gallup poll showed Bush ahead, outside the margin of error, particularly in the last two weeks leading up to Nov. 2.

Another aspect of election night that was of no surprise to anyone: the narrow victory. I don't think anyone could have woken up Tuesday morning and said with any confidence, "Today 'blank' will win the presidency." The state polls were constantly changing, political analysts were perplexed and the network anchors brought their sleeping bags to work. The fact that this election came down to one state was almost expected.

So the results are in, and for the first time since 1900, Republicans have won the Presidency, the Senate, and the House of Representatives in one election.

Now don't get me wrong, this moment of happiness could only be surpassed if I was presented with a lifetime supply of Sheetz food. However, I'm not going to brag or rub it in anyone's face. I realize that students here, especially my political comrades, put their heart and soul into both campaigns. It would be extremely disrespectful and hypocritical for me to belittle their efforts.

So Kerry supporters, I salute your efforts. And don't move to Canada.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

I think Canada is sounding like a pretty good place of residence, because four more years here in the Republican controlled government will kill me.

Tuesday's Presidential election that was, as expected, very close and competitive. I must admit, I was very shocked at several events that took place on Election Night 2004.

Going into the night, I told Jess I was confident in a Kerry victory because of several exit polls I had seen during the day. (Exit polls are polls given to voters after they vote at the booths asking who they voted for.)

The first shock of the night that came was that Kerry won Pennsylvania by such a large margin when it was billed to be such a close race. Another shock was that President Bush convincingly won Florida.

I thought that Kerry would win Florida and therefore win the presidency. I am also surprised that with the huge increase in voter turnout, the Democrats did not make gains in the swing states.

Another area that surprised me was voter demographics of the 2004 election. Exit polls showed that younger voters did not come out in greater numbers like expected.

Another thing from Florida that astonished me was that Latino voters overwhelmingly voted for President Bush and elderly voters in Florida voted for Kerry. This is a complete 180 from the 2000 election where the opposite was true.

I must say that the network coverage for the most part was exceptional, especially on the part of CNN. They were very cautious to project states for either candidate and provided coverage from all angles and perspectives.

Also, CBS, ABC and NBC provided very responsible coverage.

That brings us to Fox News. I was very impressed with their coverage until 12:30 a.m. Then they did the most unprofessional and uninformed act I have ever seen in politics. They claimed Bush won Ohio and gave him their 20 electoral votes.

Now, no other network even remotely hinted that they would project a victory for either candidate. Even Ohio's Secretary of State said that they would probably not have a winner for 11 days when they began to count the provisional and overseas absentee ballots.

Once again they have showed that they are nothing more than a right hand of the Republican Party.

Now we come to the wonderful state of Ohio. Ohio is the Florida of 2004 with much colder weather. As of right now, Bush has a 120,000 vote lead, but all indications lean to the prospect that Kerry will deploy lawyers to Ohio to challenge votes and make sure that the provisional votes are counted correctly.

Kerry operatives say that there are 250,000 provisional ballots and maybe as many as 400,000 ballots yet to be counted.

I am deeply saddened that Kerry conceded from the race, but I understand his decision. Kerry would have had a harder time making the argument that he should be president than Al Gore did in 2000.

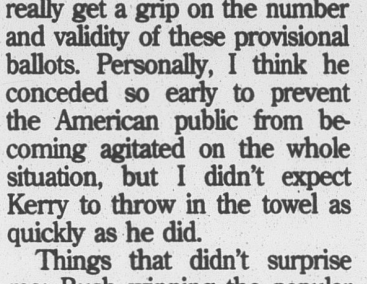
Whereas Gore had won the popular vote and the margin was only 1000 votes in Florida, Kerry lost the popular vote by 4 million votes and the margin in Ohio is around 120,000 votes.

In the end, I, like Kerry, concede the election to Jess and President Bush. But I must say, I think Canada is sounding like a pretty good place of residence, because four more years here in the Republican controlled government of the United States of America will kill me.

But I will continue on in my diehard support for the Democratic party. That is, if I'm not sent to Iraq first or killed by inadequate healthcare.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg: Let them eat pizza and deliver it, too



Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Do you ever find yourself too lazy to make the lengthy walk to Pizza Joe's?

Are you tired of ordering greasy gut wrenching pizza from Domino's just because they deliver to your dorm?

Or maybe you're looking for that little taste of Italy that can be delivered right to your doorstep.

Well even if none of these scenarios apply to you, I still recommend trying a new restaurant that just opened up, Faraone Brothers.

Now some of you are probably saying, "What is the big deal about another Italian joint springing up in the surrounding area?" Well I'll tell you what all the commotion is about in one word.

Delivery.

That's right folks, you heard it here first. All of your lazy inhibitions can be put to rest, because now all you have to do is pick up the phone and dial ten digits, and in about half an hour you'll have yourself a spectacular feast.

As if it wasn't enough that Faraone Brothers delivers to the college and to all of New Wilmington, they also prove to deliver up a delicious storm of Italian favorites.

The Faraone Brothers offer a variety of items ranging from Stromboli, to Raviolis, to Specialty Pizzas, to Sandwiches.

The selling point for me was the Faraone Brothers pizza.

Imagine, if you will, a pizza that is made from scratch with thick fluffy dough, homemade pizza sauce, generous mounds of melted cheese, and whatever toppings your little heart desires.

I felt that it would be nice to offer students an alternative dining establishment other than Mugsies, Pizza Joes, Isaly's and of course Sodexho, especially those who don't have the means and modes of transportation necessary to enjoy other restaurants.

However, if you absolutely must eat out and hate the convenience that delivery offers you're still in luck because Faraone Brothers has two locations: one on Mitchell Road in New Castle and the other in Sharon.

Now it's time to review what I've learned from my fattening experience with Faraone Brothers. Amazing sandwiches, incredibly delicious homemade pizza, and fast and friendly service.

I would have to say this experience adds up to 3 out of 4 Twinkies. Until next week keep on grubbin'.

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Fireside chat sparks flames

By Laura Krutschnitt
Campus Writer

The fire was lit for the first time this year in the fireplace in the Berlin Student Lounge.

"We love to have people come out and talk with us," said Neal Edman, dean of student affairs.

However, turnout for the meeting was poor, with less than 10 students attending.

The first fireside chat of the year was hosted this past Thursday by Edman, College President R. Thomas Williamson and Jeff Creveling, director of Sodexho Food Services.

"I like the chats because you can see who the people in charge are, and you can see they actually care. When you ask them a question you either get a straight answer or they find one out for you," said senior Geoff Zimmerman.

The discussion touched on many subjects but focused on two main topics: the college Web site and the food.

There has been a lot of conflict over the school Web site, as pointed out in a recently published Holcad regarding the redesign.

The article quoted Monster.com CEO and Westminster alumnus Andrew McKelvey as saying he does not feel the website is accomplishing its mission.

Senior Mary Huebert values McKelvey's opinion. She asked Williamson why the school is catering to these 12-17 year olds (the target demographic of the redesign) who are not even interested in colleges yet.

As a political science and public relations double major, as well as a pre-law student, she feels that the image being sent out through the Web site is degrading to the current students.

She also pointed out that it hurts her credibility when applying to law school. Many students agreed.

"It's not the appropriate image to be sending out for this institution," Huebert said.

A large part of the discussion was directed at food and food service, starting with the new grille system, where the food is pre-made as opposed to made-to-order during peak times.

"Our initial thoughts are that it's going pretty well," Creveling said.

Students asked for more vegetable choices and other healthy foods. They pointed out some changes that they like, including new options like baked potatoes and kielbasa.

"You'll be seeing some new stuff and other foods less often, because we're trying to find a working balance in the menu," Creveling said.

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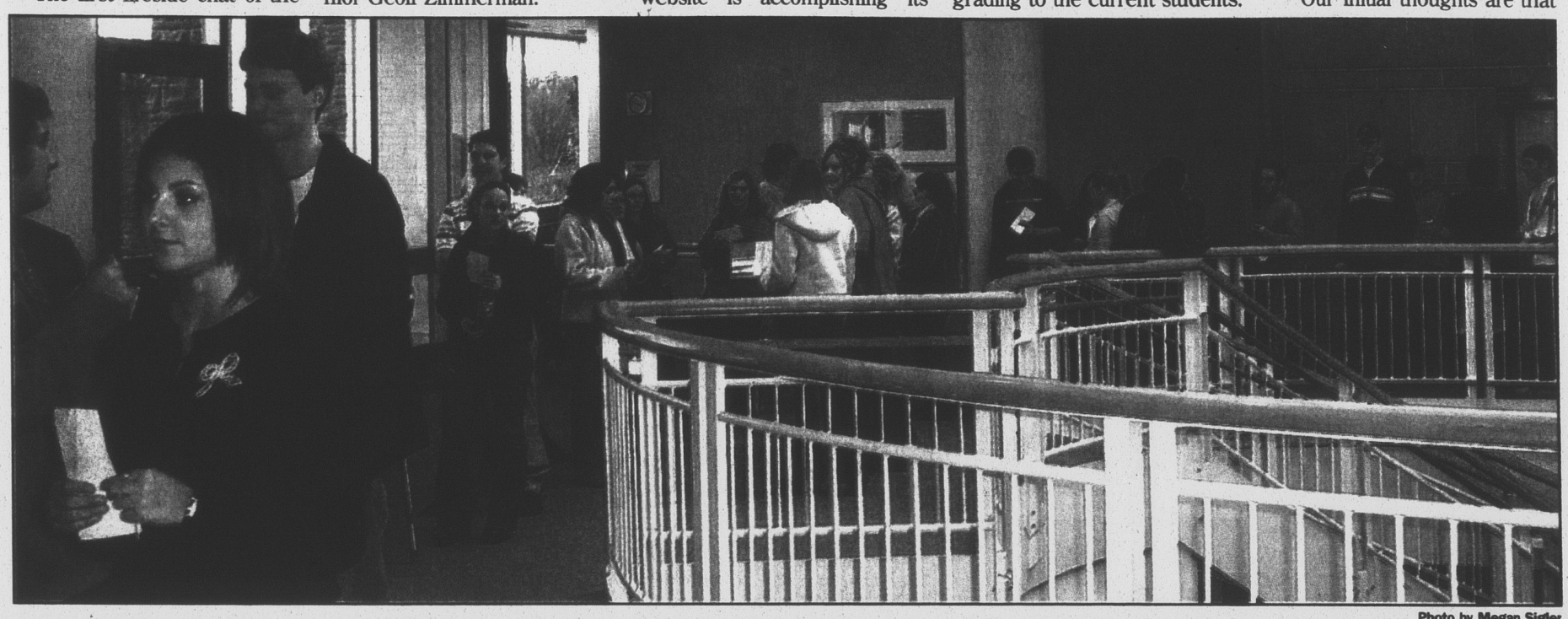

Photo by Megan Sigler

Next, please...

Seniors patiently wait in line on the first day of registration to sign up for their final semester classes. Registration started Monday, Nov. 8 and ended Thursday, Nov. 12. Senior sociology major Lauren Anderson was pleased with how smoothly registration went this year. "This is the first time I've gotten all my classes."

All-campus meeting addresses marketing

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

This Tuesday, President R. Thomas Williamson called an all-campus meeting in Phillips Lecture Hall to discuss issues swirling round the current college budget, construction, admissions and marketing.

In attendance was the Planning Budget Review Committee, who sat behind the president while he addressed the college's five-year strategic plan, a diagram explaining the specific goals of the college and their completion dates.

The more than hour-long event was packed to the edges by administration and faculty, but had a dismal turn-out from students.

Discussion of the agenda's issues went well- with few bumps and glitches- those of which largely came from audience questioning.

The first issues Williamson addressed caught complaint after the president announced last year's operating budget went $4,000 in the red.

This year, in order to combat that deficit, the college will use $750,000 in reserves to create relative stability and in effect "not slash any of the current budgets."

Later, he added that because of this reserve, this year we may even achieve a small surplus.

Next, Williamson focused on the school being audited for "Risk Management," and then quickly moved onto long range planning for the creation of 60 beds in two new dorms.

At present, the hope is to construct the dorms in the area south of Russell.

"The dorms will be easily replicated creating a new quad," said Williamson. He hopes to see these plans implemented by Fall of '06.

After going over the Strategic Plan, Mark Meighen, senior director, advancement administration and then Dean Swartz, dean of admissions and enrollment, presented the admissions and marketing plan highlighting the current recruitment design, admissions and the new marketing of the Web site.

Meighen spoke about three recruitment programs that the school offers and spent an extensive time on the unveiling of their latest idea. "It's not a

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Theta Chi sends winners to Florida

By Lindsay Painter
Campus Writer

The Theta Chi fraternity sent Kirstan Gides and Laura Bayuk to Florida this weekend for its "Suitcase Party and Getaway" event on Friday, Nov. 5. Proceeds went to the American Red Cross.

This was the second year Theta Chi has made this trip possible, as seniors Megan Sigler and Lauren Anderson were flown to Ft. Lauderdale last November.

Theta Chi sold tickets for $5 for a chance to win many prizes, including a grand prize trip for two to Daytona Beach, Fl. The party on Friday night lasted from 7 p.m. to midnight. Participants were told to come to the party with their suitcases packed and ready to go to Florida.

This year's winners were announced by President R. Thomas Williamson at midnight and were directly rushed to the airport by limousine stocked with pop to fly to Southern Florida to begin their four day and three night stay.

The lucky winners, who returned Tuesday afternoon, are still in shock that they won the prize.

"When he said our names, we didn't know what to do," Bayuk said. "The trip was incredible and will definitely be one of the highlights of my college career."

The winners stayed in an ocean front room on the beach.

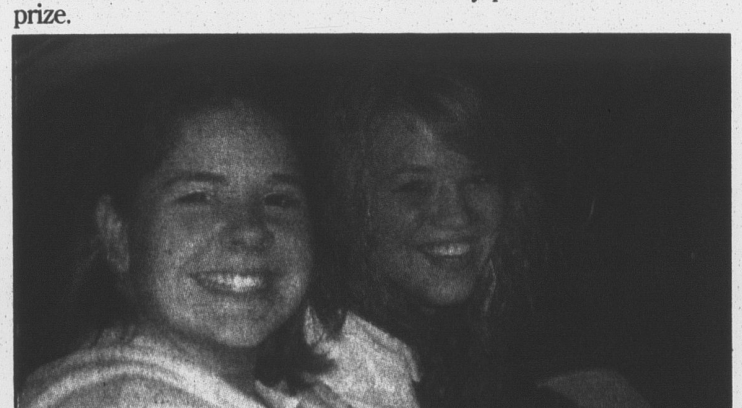
"The brothers did such a wonderful job with all of the arrangements," Gides said. "We ate, shopped and spent time on the beach. Who could ask for more?"

Besides the winner's excellent time in Florida, the fraternity raised $400 for the American Red Cross in comparison to last year's total of $100.

They also raffled off a CD player, television, Westminster gear, and about 75 gift certificates to restaurants and businesses. Overall, the brothers were very pleased with the turn out for this event.

"This kind of event is very time consuming when planning it," senior Robert Allen, Theta Chi philanthropy chair, said.

"We had so much advertising and work to do during this process. Pat Sandora and I even appeared on WKBN News in Youngstown to promote the event. But all of our hard work definitely paid off."



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Laura Bayuk and Kirstan Gides pose in the limo before being whisked away on a free Florida vacation.

Photo by Rich Mamura

Senior Pat Sandora rehearses the number "Too Darn Hot" with his dancers for the Theater Westminster production of "Kiss Me, Kate." Tickets are still available, but are going fast.

"Kiss Me, Kate" opens

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

Theatre Westminster's production of the musical "Kiss Me Kate" opened this Wednesday in Beeghly Theatre.

While preparation for the musical took a lot of time and effort on behalf of cast, crew and pit orchestra, everyone involved agrees that the show will be excellent.

"Kiss Me Kate" is about a theatre production of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" in 1954. The plot centralizes around Fred, played by senior Justin Bryan, and Lilli, sophomore Sarah Timm, a divorced couple that have been reunited due to the production. As the musical progresses, the fighting between the two and other conflicts threaten the production.

The cast has been working hard since mid-September to get the show up and running. This year, the cast has a diverse population ranging from returning veterans of Theatre Westminster shows to first year students who are making their debut through the production of "Kiss Me Kate." With a combination of energy and talent, the cast of the musical was prepared for opening night.

"Overall I think it should be a really good show. There's a lot going on so something should appeal to everyone." Bryan said.

Students and staff have been pulling long hours to get the show ready. As opening night approached, work on the production rose to five hours or more a night.

Sophomore Steven Fraley, the stage manager for the musical, believes that everything is going smoothly. "We have lots of talented and experienced people working on thi,." Fraley said.

Building the set is a lot of work and the students had to scramble to get everything together for opening night. From the backgrounds to the props, the students have had their work cut out for them.

The students have been building the sets in a lab that meets four to five days a week. However, as opening night approached, the amount of time that went into the sets skyrocketed. Just before opening night, the students were still fine tuning the set and working on the final pieces. Senior Phil Webster is the shop foreman and believes the show is still on schedule.

"The scene is in a lot of little pieces, but it's always in a lot of little pieces. This is pretty typical of a Theatre Westminster show." Webster said.

Along with the cast and crew, the pit orchestra is also putting in a lot of time to make sure everything is perfect for the show. All the members of the pit have given a lot of effort to make sure the music in the production goes smoothly.

Dr. R. Tad Greig, who is the pit orchestra's director for the musical, believes that this show will keep everyone entertained due to the many different genres of music.

"It's musically diverse. You're going to hear a multitude of styles which keeps the music fresh." Greig said.

The musical starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a matinee show at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are sold out for Friday night's performance and are going fast. Contact Bob Allen in the box office for details.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

People that don't courtesy flush suck.

Where's my roommate?

We shall call an emergency DC meeting.

Can I say enough with "Tuesday is Lasagna Day?"

Will you please stop throwing trays at my friends?

I hope an old woman frowns at you.

You are too dead to do that.

May the fleas of 1,000 camels infest your armpits.

He feels pretty, oh so pretty..

What happened to the Rant and Rave column last week?

People should wear socks with loafers.

Nothing quite like geek chic.

Firefox will not only eliminate popups, but cook dinner, do homework and bear children for you.

Break a leg!

Forty-two. What a number!

Kudos to the college for finishing two major construction projects a year ahead of schedule!

People who write Rant and Raves have no lives. Wait...

Yay for cereal in the TUB!

How can you be out of milk? Maybe it's just me, but I don't like my cereal milkless.

Congrats to everyone in Kiss, Me Kate!

Brush up your Shakespeare!

I have found heaven. And it comes in the form of yellow-frosted cookies at the TUB.

What is up with the heat in the dorms? When I wake up in the morning, I am either sweating to death or I can't feel my toes.

Shout out to the cool kids who work the Information Desk

I must have been crazy to do the double major thing

Is it Turkey time yet? Oh, Thanksgiving, how I love you.

My fortune cookie says: "In youth and beauty, wisdom is rare." Wonder what that means?

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Marketing campaign sells wrong image

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

A lucky young girl was recently flown to Atlanta to meet hip-hop icon Usher for the "Hot 101 Million Dollar Usher in A-Town Fly-a-Way." And Westminster helped book her ticket.

But don't tell Westminster.

The campus community was never informed of its involvement with the trip. However, thousands of others were, as the giveaway was broadcast on the radio airwaves of 101.1 FM. You know, the same station that provides us with vital information on which local night clubs host the best bikini contests and which bars serve the cheapest drinks.

Isn't it nice to know that pop music lovers and bar hoppers across the tri-state area know more about our college than we do?

Not even President Williamson knew that his school was flying teenyboppers across the country to hang out with Usher. When asked about the radio contest by a student at the fireside chat last week, he said he had never heard of it before. Heck, he doesn't even know who Usher is.

Yet the advertisement is out there, announcing Westminster College as the co-sponsor of the trip along with Kahunaville, a restaurant and bar in Youngstown.

And that looks good for our reputation. When you think about it, institutions for higher learning are a lot like bars that serve drinks with tiny umbrellas. As soon as Kahunaville starts offering specials on bachelor's degrees too, I am transferring.

The Usher giveaway is only part of a string of efforts to revamp the college's marketing style.

The most recognizable of these changes is displayed on the Web site, where traditional blue and white have been replaced with an nausea-inducing rainbow of Crayola-bright colors.

The work was done by a New York firm that felt the new design best reflected Westminster's personality. The firm said the same thing when creating a similar Web design for Kinder Care.

Well, that's a lie.

But the fact that our home page looks like a preschooler's "My First Web Site" project is an insult to what our college stands for.

Which brings me to the question, what exactly is the image that we are trying to project?

When my future employers research my alma mater online, I want them to be impressed with the college's reputation, not with our mastery of the color wheel. How can I be respected when it looks like I earned my degree from the Barnum and Bailey Circus? I want them to offer me a job; I don't want them to pat me on the head and offer me a lollipop. Unless of course, that lollipop comes with a salary and full health benefits.

But despite the numerous complaints from students and faculty members who are concerned with the Web site's image, the administration has made it clear that they do not care.

"It's not really about if we like it right now. It's about how our demographic of 12-17 year olds look at it," said Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Doug Swartz in the October 29 edition of the Holcad.

How could I have been so silly? Of course the college is more concerned with what prospective students think. After all, they already have our money.

But is this really wise thinking? As spokespeople for this institution, we the students serve as the college's most valuable marketing tool. If we are not happy, we will reflect that in our attitude when telling others about Westminster.

And let's not forget that we will be alumni soon. If we are expected to donate to the college's future, then we deserve to have a say in the college's present. So do not ignore our opinions.

How can I be respected by future employers when it looks like I earned my degree from the Barnum and Bailey Circus?

Another man who should not be ignored: Andrew J. McKelvey. During his recent campus visit, he was quoted as saying the Web site "just looks wrong." And this is coming from not only an alumnus, but an alumnus who just happens to be the CEO of Monster.com.

I don't know about you, but if a man who made his entire fortune in the online business world told me that my Web site needed work, I'd probably listen.

But for right now, the administration is only concerned with the numbers.

At the all-campus meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, Director of Marketing Mark Meighen was pleased to announce that the Web site has recorded 1.1 million hits per week for the past three weeks. This is an unprecedented amount of online exposure for our college to receive.

But what does this really tell us? Hits are merely the number of times a site is clicked. While a million is a lot, we do not know how many people or what kinds of people this number entails.

And just because the site is being looked at does not mean that the site is being responded to positively. Just as our hits are increasing, so could the sales for Pepto Bismol.

Sure, my 12-year-old cousin might think our site looks pretty. But this is coming from the same person who is fascinated by Hilary Duff on the Disney channel. Does that mean we are going to change our mascot to Lizzie Maguire too?

When students apply to Westminster, we want it to be for the right reasons. Not because we know who Usher is and not because we like bright colors.

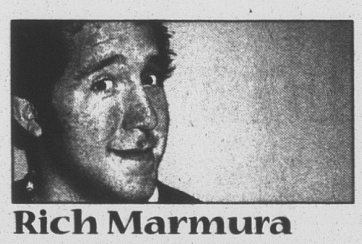
A more important demographic than prospective students are, you guessed it, prospective parents.

Nine times out of ten, the parents are the ones shelling out the big bucks for tuition, not their kids. So shouldn't we be trying to attract them too? My dad doesn't like Usher, but he does like to know his daughter's chances of finding a job after graduation.

After all, what do we have to hide? Westminster is an excellent school and deserves a campaign that reflects it as such. No artificial sweetener needed.

Megan Sigler is a senior PR major. She is only Editor-in-Chief of the Holcad because she is certifiably insane. That, and she likes to use her position as a pick up line at parties.

Surf's up: These are a few of my favorite Web sites



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

The Internet is many different things to many different people. To some the internet is an electronic bookstore, library, newsstand and museum all rolled into one; allowing its user to pull information from many points of view from around the world.

For some, the information superhighway is a convenient and affordable way to stay in touch with friends and loved ones that may be separated by miles and mountains, but are easily accessible by e-mail or instant message.

Still others use the net for entertainment; from watching movie trailers and listening to music the web, for many users, is a one stop place for fun. And honestly for some the internet is nothing but a global pornography network.

I remember using the Internet for the first time at the library in my hometown and before I knew it, the internet was every where; homes, schools, the mall, churches (I'm not kidding...) and many others.

And through this time I have come to adore and become slightly addicted to this little virtual world and its inhabitants.

This brings me to this week's article, which deals with some of my favorite sites on the Internet.

Our first stop in this tour de force of the information superhighway leads us to the web address http://maddox.xmission.com/ also known as "the Best Page in the Universe."

Whether he is insulting the drawings of little children, reminding us how truly lame "The Matrix" is or just belittling the people who send him hate mail, Maddox has my vote as one of the most sarcastic and funny people on the internet.

My personal favorite articles are when he lambastes the comic strip Garfield calling him an "orange merchandising turd" or when he calls into talk radio and points out certain people for being the racists that they are.

In the end, The Best Page in the Universe must be taken with a grain of salt and visitors must realize the amount of sarcasm that is put into the site.

But if you want to laugh at the expense of others, and sometimes yourself, visit Maddox and the Best Page in the Universe.

And just like Maddox, I don't want any hate mail if you don't have a sense of humor or don't like the site (or both...).

The next stop on our journey brings us to www.homestarrunner.com. For those of you who have never visited the world of Free Country USA, I suggest you take a little trip right away!

This site, via the magic of Flash video, tells of the misadventures of Homestar Runner an armless and clueless doofus as he enters various contests and adventures, which often puts him at odds with his friend/nemesis and self described "super villain" Strong Bad.

The site is full of random and obscure humor and though you may not get the jokes at the first sitting, come back a few times so you can get to know the characters and the style of their world. I personally recommend that you check out the section of "Strong Bad E-mails" where he answers actual e-mails from visitors and then ridicules them for the lack of "spell check".

As Strong Bad would say, don't be a "crap for brains," visit www.homestarrunner.com.

And finally we come to www.imdb.com, the Internet Movie Database (IMDb). IMDb, which describes itself as the "Earth's Biggest Movie Database" has information on movies that have come and gone, are out now or that will be released sometime within the next several years.

The site also allows for discussion boards, online polls and contains a remarkable amount of information on almost any actor, director, writer or producer. If you want previews, reviews, synopsizes or just Hollywood rumors, IMDb is the place for you.

In the end, these sites alone should provide hours of entertainment and perhaps even some useful information (some more than others).

But seeing as I have already spend an hour in front of the computer typing this article, I must part.

The Internet rules, but the real world isn't bad either.

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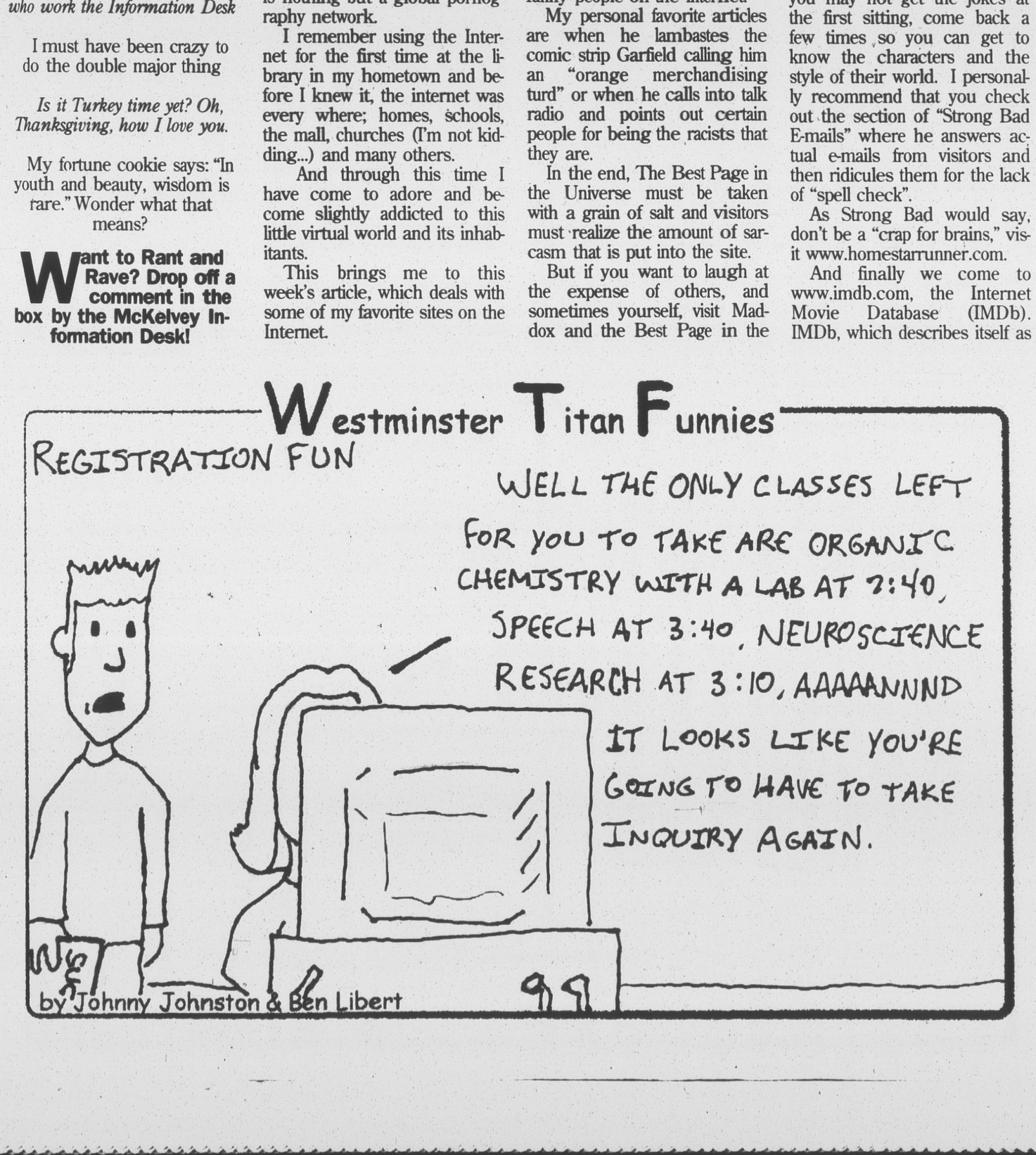

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Outside the Bubble

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. forces hold 70 percent of Fallujah, Iraq

By Edward Harris
Associated Press Writer

FALLUJAH, Iraq - U.S. forces cornered insurgents Wednesday in a small pockets of Fallujah after a stunningly swift advance that seized control of 70 percent of the militant stronghold. An Iraqi general said troops found "hostage slaughterhouses" where foreign captives had been killed.

The abandoned houses in northern Fallujah had hostages' documents, CDs showing captives being killed, and black clothing worn by militants in videos, Maj. Gen. Abdul Qader Mohammed Jassem Mohan said.

But it appeared troops did not find any of the at least nine foreigners still in kidnappers' hands _ including two Americans. "We have found hostage slaughterhouses in Fallujah that were used by these people," Mohan said. But he said he did not know which hostages' documents were uncovered.

The speed of the U.S. drive in Fallujah may indicate that most Sunni fighters and their leaders abandoned the city before the offensive and moved elsewhere to carry on the fight, U.S. officers said. The most notorious kidnapper, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is believed to have fled the city.

Mohan, the commander of Iraqi troops in Fallujah, said fighters are still trying to escape the tight encirclement. He said people were seen earlier trying to slip away by swimming across the Euphrates River.

Guerrillas accelerated attacks outside Fallujah in an attempt to open up new fronts to divert U.S.-Iraqi forces, with at least 28 people killed in violence across the country Wednesday _ including 10 people killed when a car bomb targeted a police patrol in Baghdad after sunset.

Gunmen also kidnapped three relatives of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi from their Baghdad home _ his cousin, Ghazi Allawi, the cousin's wife and their daughter-in-law, Allawi's spokesman said. A militant group calling itself Ansar al-Jihad claimed in a Web posting to be holding them threatened to behead them in 48 hours unless the Fallujah siege is lifted. The claim's authenticity could not be verified.

Also, Al-Jazeera television broadcast a videotape Wednesday with a militant group claiming to have captured 20 Iraqi soldiers in Fallujah. Men wearing Iraqi National Guard uniforms were shown with their backs to the camera.

The station said a masked militant reading a statement on the tape promised not to kill the prisoners shown but threatened to kill others captured in the future.

In northern Iraq, authorities clamped a curfew on the city of Mosul as U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with gunmen there. Fierce fighting also took place in and around Baghdad and in Ramadi, a Sunni stronghold where explosions shook the city as U.S. troops and gunmen battled near the main government building. One U.S. soldier was killed by a bomb north of the capital.

Still, U.S. and Iraqi troops were pushing ahead in Fallujah. Marine commander Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler said insurgents had been reduced to "small pockets, blind, moving throughout the city. And we will continue to hunt them down and destroy them."

Mohan vowed to finish uprooting the gunmen and pointed to guerrilla slayings of Iraqi security forces in the past.

"For this, the Iraqi armed forces don't want revenge, but they want to get rid of insurgents, the evil, the murderers," he told a press conference alongside Sattler.

Some fighters have sought to surrender, government spokesman Thair al-Naqeeb told reporters, offering an amnesty to those who have not committed "major crimes."

Maj. Francis Piccoli, of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force led by Sattler, said U.S. forces now control 70 percent of the city. At least 71 militants have been killed by early Wednesday, the third day of intense urban combat, the military said. As of Tuesday night, 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security forces had been killed. Marine reports Wednesday said 25 American troops and 16 Iraqi soldiers were wounded.

U.S. and Iraqi forces seized Fallujah's city hall compound before dawn after a gunbattle with insurgents who hit a U.S. tanks with anti-armor rockets. Iraqi soldiers swept into a police station in the compound and raised a flag above it.

Gunmen fired on troops from a mosque minaret, BBC's embedded correspondent Paul Wood reported. Marines said the insurgents waved a white flag at one stage but then opened fire, prompting the Marines to call in airstrikes, Wood said.

Tank gunners opened fire on insurgents in a nearby five-story apartment building, and flames shot from several windows of the building.

Residents reported heavy clashes and artillery shelling in the Jolan and Jumhuriya neighborhood, along the central highway, where witnesses said dead bodies lay in the streets.

Residents said they were running out of food in a city that had its electricity cut two days ago.

Most insurgents likely fled before the assault began so they could fight elsewhere, officers said Wednesday. Iraqi and U.S. commanders had been warning for weeks that they would invade Fallujah to re-establish government control.

"That's probably why we've been able to move as fast as we have," said one officer from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, who asked not to be named.

About 100 men, women and children made their way to American positions in the south of the city and gave themselves up Wednesday, an officer from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division said.

Most of Fallujah's 200,000 to 300,000 residents are believed to have fled the city before the U.S. assault. Civilian casualties in the attack are not known, though U.S. commanders insist they are low.

The U.S. advance in Fallujah was more rapid than in an offensive in April, when insurgents fought a force of fewer than 2,000 Marines to a standstill in a three-week siege. This time, the U.S. military has sent up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into the battle, backed by tanks, artillery and attack aircraft.

If reports that most gunmen fled the city are true, it indicates that while the new offensive may cost the insurgency its strongest bastion, the fighters will seek to continue their campaign of violence elsewhere.

In Mosul, the curfew came after a series of clashes including two attacks against American military convoys, U.S. Capt. Angela Bowman said. A foreign contractor was killed in one of the attacks, Bowman said, without giving details. Three Iraqi policemen and an Iraqi National Guard soldier were killed, hospital and security officials said.

In Baghdad _ where Allawi this week imposed a nighttime curfew for the first time in a year _ a car bomb exploded on a crowded street, targeting a police patrol in the eastern Zaytouna neighborhood. Ten people were killed and 15 others wounded, police officer Qahtan Jumaygh said.

Six people were killed and four others wounded during clashes in Latifiyah, south of Baghdad. A bomb killed six Iraqi soldiers in northern Iraq.

A U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad on Wednesday. The military also announced that a U.S. soldiers was killed by a gun attack on a patrol in Baghdad on Tuesday.

OFF CAMPUS

Bi-partisan protesters in Oakland want peace, burn flags

By Jonathan Check
Pitt News

A motley crew of protesters marched through Oakland last night, burning American flags, chanting for peace and stopping traffic at various intersections. At least two people were arrested, according to the Pittsburgh Independent Media Organization's Web site.

The protesters, who ranged from college students to senior citizens, circled part of Pitt's campus during the demonstration, which lasted for about an hour.

They beat on handmade drums, screamed through air horns, carried signs and banners displaying political messages, and chanted for peace and solidarity. Many wore masks and scarves to conceal their identities.

Though the re-election of President George W. Bush seemed to be a major focus of the group's anger, participants were quick to point out that the demonstration was a bi-partisan affair directed at the system, rather than a particular political candidate.

"This would be going on if Kerry won [the election]," said a protester who identified himself as Sam. Draped in an American flag displaying corporate logos in place of the stars, he said the group was trying to "build alternatives at the grassroots level, so I no longer have to wear this flag."

"We are not here for any parties," said a protester who identified himself as Matt. "We are here to make change and make our voices heard."

According to the Pittsburgh Independent Media Organization Web site, the demonstration mobilized outside the Software Engineering Institute and proceeded toward Pitt's campus.

Shortly before 6 p.m., the protesters arrived on the corner of Forbes Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard, where they paused briefly to chant and burn an American flag before marching toward Atwood Street.

Many walked in the street, scrawling political messages on the asphalt and slowing rush-hour traffic to a near standstill, while others clogged the sidewalk.

A protester who identified himself as Brian was tackled and handcuffed by Pitt police in front of the Original Hotdog Shop, once the crowd reached the corner of Forbes Avenue and S. Bouquet Street.

By that point, crowds of bystanders had gathered on the surrounding sidewalks to watch the procession and police were standing by, some holding leashed dogs. The passing scene evoked political discussion among some of those who watched.

"Don't get me wrong, I love Kerry," said Pitt student Mike Revell, who observed the procession of activists, "but I just think this protest is stupid. Burning stuff does not get your point across."

Some however, were inspired to join the procession

President Bush needs to listen to all the dissenting opinions," said Matthew Monin, a Pitt graduate student who decided to fall in with the throng as it passed.

"The country is not united," he added. "[Bush] needs to make concessions to the voters who didn't vote for him.

After pausing momentarily to chant such slogans as "Whose streets? Our streets!" and "Peace now," the protesters continued down Forbes, closely monitored by a slew of City and University police.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the crowd stopped briefly on the corner of Forbes Avenue and Atwood Street, before turning right on Atwood and marching up to Fifth Avenue.

After once again stopping westbound traffic on Fifth Avenue, the protesters proceeded toward the Cathedral of Learning in the bus lane.

A procession of police cars followed them as they crossed Bigelow Boulevard and Bellefield Street, finally stopping again in front of the Software Engineering Institute.

At 7:12 p.m., Lt. Dietrich of the Pittsburgh City Police ordered the crowd to disperse. According to Dietrich, the protesters were breaking the law by assembling without a permit and obstructing the sidewalks and street.

"I'm really impressed that people in Pittsburgh haven't forgotten how to express themselves in a democracy," Matt said as the protest broke up.

Some of the protesters said they were heading Downtown to show support for the arrested protesters.

A post on The Pittsburgh Independent Media Organization's Web site yesterday morning said that two protesters were being held on $5,000 bail for disorderly conduct, and that others had gathered outside the jail in a show of support.

Pittsburgh residents voice concerns regarding public mass transportation, lack thereof

By Daveen Rae Kurutz & Michael Mastroianni
Pitt News

Herbert Jones hobbled to the podium during yesterday's Port Authority public hearings, using his cane to steady himself, but he opened his testimony with a boom, giving a personal account of how the proposed cuts will affect the region.

"Here we go again," the South Oakland resident said with a clear, angry voice. "This is dumb. This is stupid. We've had cuts in service, and now you turn around and do it again. What the devil is wrong with you people?"

Jones was one of more than 200 people who spoke at yesterday's hearings, which were designed to give the Port Authority board of directors an idea of the changes riders will have to make in response to proposed service cuts and fare increases.

Representatives from Pittsburgh institutions, organizations and schools voiced their concerns that slashed service schedules and routes would affect employees, students and worshippers.

"We can no longer be ignored in our pleas for a dedicated funding source," said Barbara McNees, president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

Her sentiments were echoed by other speakers, who believe the state legislature has not adequately provided funding for the survival of Port Authority's transit system.

"[The state] cannot put a year-to-year fix on a problem that demands a permanent solution," said Pat McMahon, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union's Local 85 chapter.

That permanent solution has been suggested in the form of Senate Bill 1162 and House Bill 2697, which would create approximately $64 million in annual, additional support to the Port Authority.

According to aides to Senate and House members, neither bill will likely be voted on by the state government until next year.

"The governor understands that mass transit in the state is in a very difficult financial position," said Rich Kirkpatrick, press secretary with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. "Unfortunately, the legislature and the administration has had no agreement on how to solve the problem."

McMahon cited college students, the disabled and lower-income workers as those most dependent on reliable bus service.

"Public transit is the lifeblood of every neighborhood," McMahon said, citing less traffic and lower pollution levels as results of a good transportation infrastructure.

John Tague, president of the Allegheny County Transit Council, spoke from the point of view of the disabled.

"[This decision] is about our community, and our ability to participate," Tague said from his power wheelchair.

Tague also pointed out that fewer buses means more crowded buses, making it difficult for people with disabilities to board and ride them. "I am tired of being at bus stops and hearing people saying, 'Where's my bus?'," Tague said.

REGIONAL

Injury sidelines Cope for Cleveland

PITTSBURGH - Steelers radio broadcaster Myron Cope was released from the hospital Tuesday, but will miss the upcoming game in Cleveland because of a concussion.

Cope, who has endeared himself to thousands of Steelers faithful with his weekly barrage of mispronunciations and extra syllables, said he believes he struck his head on a stool during a workout Saturday.

The 75-year-old announcer overslept on game day- something he said he has never done.

He took the wrong way to the stadium, arriving more than three hours later than normal and just making kickoff.

His partners in the broadcast booth noticed he was struggling and he was taken to the hospital at halftime.

"I've got what the football players call post-concussive syndrome," Cope said. "It's when you have your bell rung badly. I know what they're talking about now."

Cope was released Tuesday afternoon.

He will follow the medical advice of doctors at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital and sit out Sunday's game in Cleveland against the Browns.

"It's a disappointment, but I'm just a little tired right now and need some rest," he said. "I'll be back for Cincinnati."

Mercyhurst president under investigation for sexual misconduct

ERIE, Pa. - A former state police investigator and a retired judge will investigate allegations that the longtime president of Mercyhurst College had improper sexual contact with minors.

Michael M. Palmisano, who retired as an Erie County judge in 1999, and Bernie Teodorski, who retired from the state police in 1993, will hear accusations that William Garvey had improper sexual contact with six men when they were minors, mostly during the time Garvey was coaching basketball at a Roman Catholic high school.

The Erie Times-News reported the allegations in October. Shortly after the article was published, Mercyhurst's board of trustees called for its own investigation.

The board hired Palmisano on Friday and he in turn called Teodorski because of his "criminal investigation background," Palmisano said.

Garvey, 68, who has been president at Mercyhurst since 1980, has said he is "profoundly saddened and shocked" by accusations that have been lodged against him.

One of the accusers, Chuck Rosenthal, first raised allegations against Garvey in a June 2002 column in the Los Angeles Times and in his memoir "Never Let Me Go." Rosenthal said he was abused by Garvey when Garvey coached basketball for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Erie.

Three other men said they were abused by Garvey while he was a coach. The two other men also told the newspaper Garvey paid them for sexual acts when they were minors in the mid-1980s.

Campus News

Seekers has success with open-mic night

By Colter McElree
Campus Writer

The Seekers transformed the club room in the Campus Center into an open-mic coffeehouse last Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Over 80 students came to enjoy a night of performances, food, drinks, and Christian fellowship.

The evening began at 9:30 p.m. with a welcome and some announcements. The stage was then turned over to willing and able students and faculty to share their talents.

The evening was filled with performances ranging from standup comedy to a-cappella singing to poems and more.

"Everyone did a great job, but the people who sang were probably my favorite, it takes a lot of guts to get up in front of a crowd like that," said sophomore Chrissy Cole.

Seekers had planned the event in hopes to both raise awareness of their organization and to bring new people to Seekers.

"It was definitely a success because we wanted other people to know about our organization, and that was accomplished" said junior, Laura Zorch.

There were very few limits on what could be performed at the coffee house. Participants were asked to not use profanity, and to not be offensive. Other than that, students were more than welcome to express their feelings.

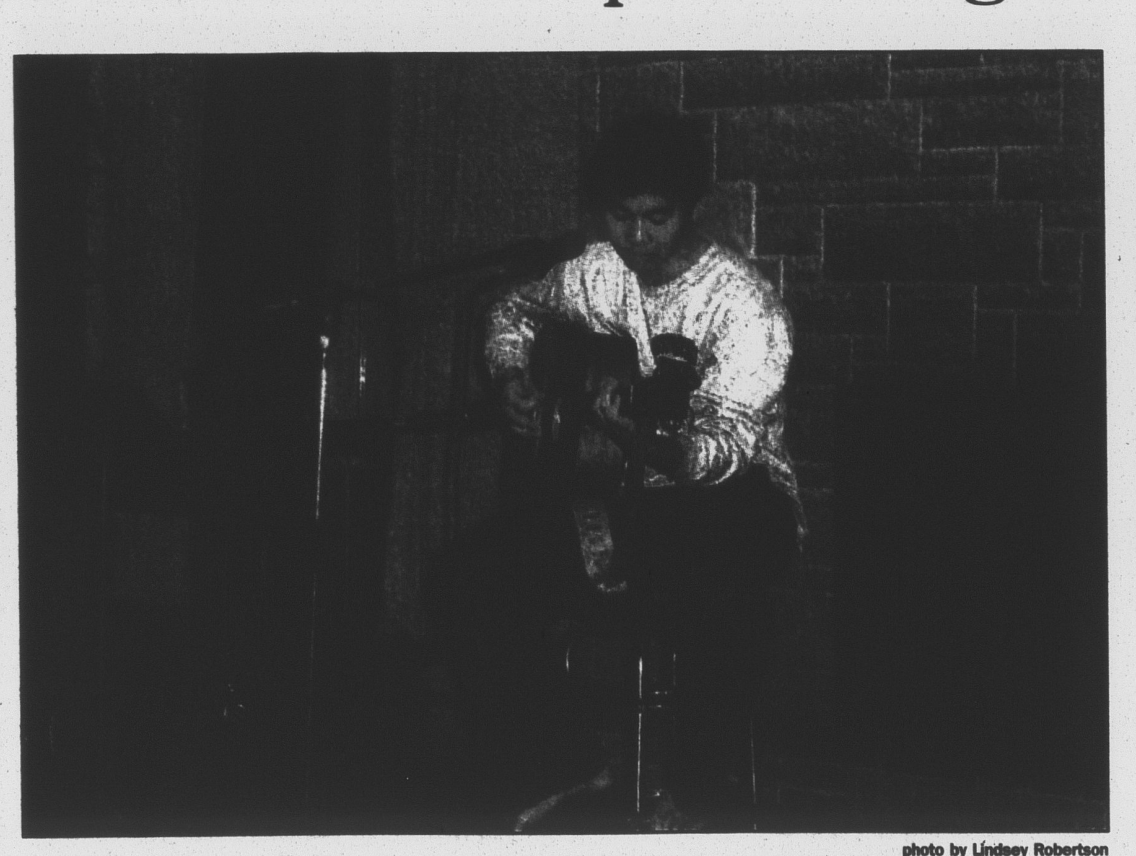

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Senior Sam Seo took advantage of the open stage to perform at Seekers last Wednesday.

Some had humorous stories to tell, others performed poetry that was very near and dear to them.

One student sang a popular song and dedicated it to her roommate; a few students played the guitar and sang about their relationships with God.

"It was a great balance of fun, and goofy things, along with meaningful ones," said junior Katie Clark. "At no time did I feel uncomfortable with what people were saying or thinking. Nor did I feel pressured into believing, or agreeing with what people sang about."

The open microphone was not the only reason students attended the event.

Seekers provided visitors with a variety of snacks and drinks, including a myriad of different coffees to choose from.

"The night was amazing. Seekers did a great job of providing a genuine coffee house-like atmosphere" said senior Beth Grubbs.

CPU working hard to make positive impact

By Michael Klass
Campus Writer

The Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn has become quite active on campus this semester, and recently had the honor of being named the first "Organization of the Month" by SGA.

The CPU is a campus organization promoting the pro-life view on abortion. Senior Andrea Ceplecci serves as the organization's president, while senior Dennis Buffone serves as the vice president.

Unlike many organizations on campus, the CPU is different in that it does not align itself politically or religiously. While both factors play into the organization's opinion, they do not serve as a basis for membership.

Rather, the goal of the CPU is to attempt to spread the pro-life opinion throughout the campus by informing students about the topic.

"Basically, we just want to educate people on campus and get them talking about the issue," Ceplecci said.

Founded this past February, CPU is a school recognized organization composed of roughly 10-12 active members, and around 40 other students and faculty that it keeps "in the loop" on issues.

Just as the group is not exclusive to religion and politics, it is not exclusive to sex. A majority of its members are female, however the CPU has many males involved, and is advised by Dr. Kang-Yup Na.

While many students may not share the organization's views, CPU manages to avoid negativity by adopting a very non-confrontational role.

Instead the group wants to inform students about the statistics concerning abortion, as well as present detailed reasons for choosing pro-life.

"I can't say that I completely agree with their stance," junior Bill Penwell said. "It's nice that they aren't too stand-offish about it, though."

As stated before, the group is the first to receive SGA's "Organization of the Month" award.

The award is a means by which SGA can recognize a campus organization, but it also serves as a way to interest students in the groups as well as offer a way to strengthen ties between SGA and the organizations.

The organization participated in a coffee house last semester, in which advocates representing both the pro-life and pro-choice side of abortion spoke. Afterwards questions and comments were taken from the audience in regards to the issues.

Throughout the semester, CPU has been selling shirts and engaging in other fundraisers in an effort to bring a speaker from the Feminists for Life organization to campus. While the topic of abortion can be quite controversial, Ceplecci is optimistic about the support for CPU.

"I think that we've been very well received on campus," she said.

Ceplecci is not alone. Many students share her view, and are happy that an organization in support of pro-life has arrived.

"I'm really glad that we have this organization at our school, because it makes people on campus more aware of the pro-life stance on the issue of abortion," freshman Kerry Flaherty said.

Interest in the group may have received a boost recently, as abortion became an important issue during the presidential race. Although the election is over, many people continue to discuss this topic, and express their opinion.

People interested in making their voice part of the organization should attend a meeting, held at 9:30 on Sunday nights in Room 255 of McKelvey Campus Center, or email Andrea Ceplecci in regards to involvement in the CPU.

Sheetz construction still being challenged

By Quay Rosengarth
Campus Writer

Students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a Sheetz gas station and convenience store set to be constructed in Neshannock on state route 18 at the intersection of Wilmington and Mitchell roads.

However, they may have to wait longer than expected.

The construction of the 4,700 square-foot Sheetz is being challenged by local business owners.

Fred Young and Mark and Cindy McConnell, owners of Young's Deli and McConnell's Sunoco Station, located just across the street from the proposed Sheetz complex, contested a zoning boards decision to allow the construction of the Sheetz.

On October 22, Judge Michael Wherry upheld that decision. Barring any more appeals, construction is scheduled to be underway in the next four to six weeks.

"I think having a Sheetz this close will be a good thing. No more midnight runs to Grove City or Mercer to shake an MTO craving," said junior Heather Jones.

MTO's are the very popular "Made-To-Order" sandwiches that Sheetz offers inside their stores. A touch screen computer system allows customers to order sandwiches to that customer's specifications.

"It will be nice to have more of a variety than just Subway or Pizza Joes when everything else in New Wilmington is closed after 5 p.m. when you want something to eat," said junior Jessica Robinson.

Sheetz plans to break-ground within the next four to six weeks and weather permitting work through the winter months, according to Director of Real Estate for Sheetz Dave Hazelet.

"I'm looking forward to the Sheetz being built," said sophomore Anthony Beilstein. "I think it will be a good thing for this area."

Fireside

Students raise questions to President and Dean of Students

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A question was also raised about the possibility of expanding the size of the TUB area to eliminate the long lines that can get in the way during peak hours.

Creveling said that wasn't likely. However, changes at Galbreath are planned for sometime in the future. About 70 percent of meal transactions take place at the tub, and Creveling hopes that changes in Galbreath will help to even out the crowd at peak times.

"The cafeteria is older, and it's just not the same atmosphere," said Charlie Judge, a sophomore.

Another topic that sparked the interest among students is new housing.

"We can't do everything everyone asks for, but we try to discuss the pros and cons and see what we can change because that's what Westminster is all about."

President R. Thomas Williamson

With this year's housing shortage and the projected plan calling for more students by 2008, housing has become an issue on campus. Williamson said nothing is certain yet and that they're still tossing around ideas.

Many options are being discussed but the college should have a definite idea by February if all goes well. Construction could begin next summer or fall, and the new housing would ideally be available for use in fall 2006.

Senior Russ Mills asked about the possibility of installing a machine in local businesses that would swipe student's Titan Cards.

This way, local businesses like Mugsies and Pizza Joe's would benefit from increased traffic and students would be able to swipe Titan money, not Dine Dollars, instead of using cash. Mills said SGA is also looking into it and would be willing to help with the purchase, which could be costly.

Williamson summed up the chat at the end of the hour.

"We can't do everything everyone asks for, but we try to discuss the pros and cons and see what we can change because that's what Westminster is all about," he said.

The next Fireside Chat will be held sometime in February. For more information on the chats contact Edman in the Student Affairs office.

All-campus

Future plans addressed

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merit based scholarship but an effort called the 'Parent Patrol,'" said Meighen.

A select group of 50 college administrators will "reach out to the prospective's parents and get to know them," said Meighen.

He later added that "with the challenges parents face in sending their kids off to college, we want them [the parents] saying no to a person- not an institution."

Swartz then explained how the admission process worked, highlighting how 20,000 prospectives are whittled down into that select 350 student pool.

The admissions process prompted a discussion on the school's identity and especially the new marketing plan to reach the outside audience, via the website.

"With the challenges parents face in sending their kids off to college, we want them [the parents] saying no to a person- not an institution."

Mark Meighen

"It's all science marketing - it's effective when it's personalized," said Meighen on the issue.

Colin Dean, a sophomore computer science major in attendance, found that Meighen "seemed to be, when asked about the colorful graphical changes to the website, only concerned with the gathered peoples' comments or concerns with the structure and layout of the page."

"It seems to me that the majority of people like the gernal layout of the page," Dean said. "It's just the intense colorization of the page tend to sway peoples' opinions towards the negative."

As questions continued, Meighen noted what he believes to be positive improvements as of late to the new site.

"We've had more hits on this website then ever in its' history- with 1 Million hits each week," he said.

He furthered praised the site, stating that it is "fluent and constantly improving."

In fact, that morning, he explained how the drop down menu had been changed for easier accessibility.

He also credited Andrew McKelvey, the CEO of Monster.com and alumnus, for creating the "Quick Vote," the new unscientific survey now featured on the front page.

After questions on marketing finished, President Williamson adjourned the informative all-campus meeting.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 42	High 45	High 50	High 50	High 50	High 51	High 48
Low 18	Low 28	Low 32	Low 37	Low 36	Low 35	Low 32
Mostly sunny; cold	Cold despite sunshine	Mostly sunny; milder	Partial sunshine	Partly sunny	Cloudy; rain at night	Clouds with a chance of rain

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:07 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Sunday	7:08 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Monday	7:09 a.m.	5:02 p.m.
Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Wednesday	7:12 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	8:28 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Sunday	9:47 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Monday	10:58 a.m.	7:38 p.m.
Tuesday	11:57 a.m.	8:52 p.m.
Wednesday	12:43 p.m.	10:09 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 4

Weather History

On Nov. 14, 1969, the Apollo 12 spacecraft was struck by lightning twice during the ascent. Onboard computers were down for a short time, but the mission turned out well.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	43	20	s	43	25	s	50	33	s	47	36	pc	50	37	pc
Butler, PA	42	24	s	44	28	s	48	30	s	51	36	pc	53	37	pc
Cambridge, OH	49	21	s	42	24	s	54	29	s	52	34	pc	55	36	s
Canton, OH	44	20	s	42	24	s	52	32	s	48	35	pc	51	38	pc
Cincinnati, OH	50	30	s	50	34	s	56	38	s	56	34	pc	54	38	pc
Clarion, PA	39	17	s	41	25	s	50	33	s	51	36	pc	50	36	pc
Clarksburg, WV	47	22	s	46	24	s	53	28	s	56	36	pc	57	33	s
Cleveland, OH	42	24	s	44	28	s	50	32	s	49	36	pc	50	38	c
Columbus, OH	45	26	s	48	29	s	49	36	s	51	36	r	53	38	pc
Cumberland, MD	43	22	s	44	29	s	53	34	s	52	35	pc	54	36	s
Erie, PA	40	26	sf	42	32	s	46	34	s	48	36	pc	50	40	c
Franklin, PA	39	22	s	44	26	s	50	32	s	51	37	pc	49	37	pc
Greensburg, PA	45	23	s	43	27	s	53	34	s	52	38	pc	53	38	s
Greenville, PA	40	19	s	44	28	s	50	33	s	49	37	pc	49	36	pc
Grove City, PA	40	18	s	43	28	s	50	31	s	51	37	pc	50	36	pc
Hagerstown, MD	42	23	s	46	27	s	52	34	s	54	39	pc	55	37	s
Indiana, PA	45	23	s	42	29	s	52	33	s	55	36	pc	53	37	pc
Jamestown, NY	38	20	sf	40	27	s	48	33	s	44	35	pc	46	36	pc
Kittanning, PA	44	22	s	43	29	s	52	32	s	54	37	pc	54	38	pc
Lisbon, OH	43	19	s	45	27	s	51	34	s	50	37	pc	50	37	pc
Mansfield, OH	42	24	s	46	29	s	51	33	s	47	34	pc	50	36	pc
Marietta, OH	49	24	s	47	27	s	51	30	s	56	34	pc	56	36	s
McKeesport, PA	44	24	s	44	26	s	53	34	s	50	39	pc	53	38	s
Meadville, PA	39	21	s	41	28	s	50	32	s	47	37	pc	49	37	c
Morgantown, WV	46	22	s	48	30	s	53	35	s	53	37	pc	55	38	s
New Castle, PA	42	19	s	46	29	s	51	33	s	51	37	pc	51	38	pc
Oil City, PA	39	19	s	44	27	s	51	33	s	52	38	pc	50	37	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	40	22	s	46	28	s	50	34	s	52	36	pc	52	37	pc
Sharon, PA	41	18	s	45	28	s	51	33	s	50	37	pc	49	37	pc
Somerset, PA	38	19	s	40	28	s	46	32	s	48	34	pc	50	35	s
Steubenville, OH	45	19	s	43	26	s	51	33	s	51	35	pc	52	37	s
Uniontown, PA	45	20	s	42	28	s	55	31	s	52	35	pc	53	35	s
Warren, OH	42	18	s	46	28	s	51	32	s	49	36	pc	50	37	pc
Washington, PA	43	18	s	41	24	s	52	26	s	51	31	pc	52	34	s
Waynesburg, PA	44	20	s	42	27	s	54	30	s	52	34	pc	54	36	s
Wheeling, WV	46	19	s	43	26	s	52	33	s	50	37	pc	52	36	s
Youngstown, OH	41	17	s	45	28	s	51	33	s	49	37	pc	49	37	pc
Wooster, OH	45	19	s	43	23	s	50	27	s	47	33	pc	50	35	pc
Zanesville, OH	49	21	s	44	25	s	56	29	s	54	33	pc	54	36	s

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Titans beat Grove City to earn winning record 5-4

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 6, the Titan football team assured their 49th winning season in the past 53 years by defeating the Grove City Wolverines, 9-6.

The win improves the Titans to 5-4 overall, while evening their President's Athletic Conference mark to 2-2.

After an evenly matched game that left the Titans and Wolverines all square at six late into the fourth quarter, freshman placekicker Jason Lundmark hit a 34-yard field goal to give the Titans the winning edge.

Lundmark's kick was the first successful kicking effort of the day as both teams failed to connect on extra-point conversions previously in the game.

The Titans lone touchdown came when senior running back Scott Froelich score on a 10-yard run, two plays after a fumble recovery by senior defensive lineman Don Waldron gave the Titans the ball deep into Wolverine territory.

Senior captains, Froelich and Waldron contributed mightily in the fiercely contested ballgame. And yet, their efforts represent a microcosm of the Titan team that despite not lighting up the scoreboard managed to secure a victory.

On the day, Froelich posted 116 yards on 30 carries, including the Titans' lone touchdown.

Freshman fullback Josh Kutzner carried seven times for 22 yards.

And, despite relative struggles in the passing game, the Titan defense played strong enough to win.

Seniors, Waldron and defensive back Clint DeLuca, paced the Titan defense. DeLuca led the team with 12 tackles, while, along with his fumble recovery, Waldron posted ten defensive stops for his squad.

While the offense ran well enough to win and the defense held tough enough to win, the Titan special teams also contributed to the victory.

In many regards, the Titans played a complete team football game. I wouldn't argue that they defeated the Wolverines in the game's every phase, but each unit contributed and stepped up at valuable points of the game.

The Titans play their final regular season game of the 2004 campaign at home on Saturday, November 13th, against the visiting Waynesburg College Yellow Jackets.

Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. at Harold Burry Stadium.

WC players earn All-PAC multiple soccer honors

Women

Senior goalkeeper Nicole Drummond, senior forward Angie DePascale, sophomore forward Sarah Calderone and freshman forward Scarlett Bretz were first team selections. They were joined by freshmen Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman, Mallory Bugel and Brittany McKee as second team selections and senior midfielder Melissa Schroder as an honorable mention honoree.

Men

Senior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar and freshman defender Stefan Weitzel were first team selections. Joining them on the second team were senior defenders Nick White and Christian Davoli as well as sophomore forward Blake Ordell. Sophomore goalkeeeper Anthony Beilstein rounded out the honorees as an honorable mention selection.

Teams get NCAA bid

Men advance past Pitt-Greensburg, women fall to Frostburg

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

Photo by Willis Bretz

The Lady Titans celebrate after freshman Scarlett Bretz knocked in the insurance goal near the end of the PAC tournament match against Washington & Jefferson College last week.

After losing a heartbreaker to Bethany College in the semifinal round of the PAC tournament, the Titans had to wait and see if they were going to be selected to the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship Tournament as an at large bid. And after the results were tallied, the Titans did receive the bid.

The Titans played in the opening round against Pitt-Greensburg. The Titans did face Pitt-Greensburg once this year and defeated the Bobcats 4-3 back in September.

"Making it to the NCAA tournament has really given our team new life and a chance to redeem ourselves from the conference loss against Bethany," said senior Zach Saxman.

"Especially for the seniors, who had such success over our four years. We want to go out on a much more positive note and the NCAA tournament is the perfect setting to just that."

Senior defender Christian Davoli shared the same views of his teammate.

"Our bid to the NCAA tournament is the result of all the hard work we put in this summer and throughout the course of the season and the perseverance through the hard times we battled through this year," Davoli said. "We deserve this chance to show what we can do."

The selection to the tournament is the second in the last three years for the Titans.

The first time was back in 2001, when the Titans won the PAC championship but fell to Otterbein in the opening round.

The men defeated Pitt-Greensburg 1-0 on Wednesday to advance to the second round of the tournament. Sophomore Blake Ordell scored the only goal of game late in the second half.

They play on the road against Messiah College on Saturday.

The lady Titans faired much better in their semi-final PAC match up against Washington and Jefferson, as they defeated the Presidents 2-0.

This victory placed the Titans in the finals for the PAC championship.

The Titans took a 1-0 lead into the halftime break thanks in large part to Freshman Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman, who was assisted by Senior Melissa Schroder.

The one goal lead would stand until the waning moments of the game when freshman Scarlett Bretz netted the second goal for the Titans.

Senior Angie DePascale assisted her on the goal. Senior keeper Nicole Drummond increased her school record for single season shutouts with her tenth of the year.

A few days later, the Titans met up with their old rival Grove City College in hopes of capturing the PAC title.

The lady Titans captured their third consecutive PAC title with their win over Grove City, 4-3, in penalty kicks.

Not only was this the ladies' third consecutive PAC championship, but it was also the third year in a row that they have defeated Grove City to get the championship.

Opening the scoring was freshman Olivia Wilkerson, who scored unassisted early into the game. However, this lead did not last long, as Grove City came back to tie the contest as the two teams went into halftime.

The defenses really picked up in the second half and on into the overtime periods as both teams were held scoreless.

The game was to be decided by penalty kicks. Both teams made their first three penalty kicks, but Drummond was able to stop the fourth shot by Grove City.

The Titans were able to score on their fourth attempt and Drummond came up huge once again stopping the Wolverines on their final shot to preserve the win.

Scoring during the penalty kick session was DePascle, senior Jen Raub, freshmen Mallory Bugel and Brittany McKee.

"We've all worked really hard to become the PAC champs & our team really deserves it," said freshman Scarlett Bretz.

When it came to the huge challenge of performing in the NCAA tournament she said, "If we work together and play our best game, I think we will be able to come out with a victory".

Winning the PAC tournament meant that the lady Titans earned a birth in the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament.

The ladies lost in the first round on Wednesday to Frostburg State University, 5-3, on penalty kicks in double overtime.

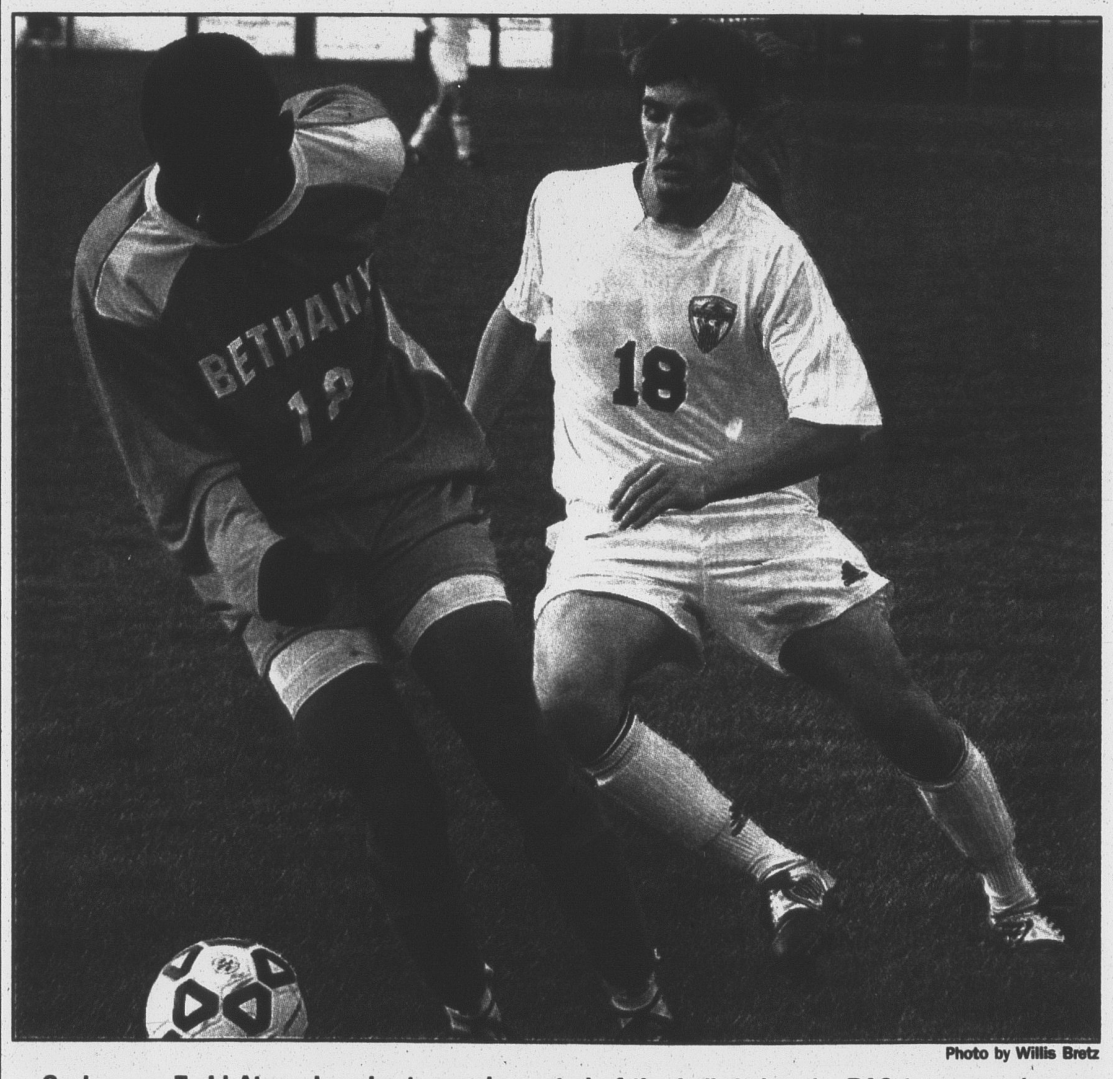

Photo by Willis Bretz

Sophomore Todd Atwood works to regain control of the ball during the PAC tournament game against Bethany College. The Titans lost the close match-up 3-2.

Volleyball finishes second in PACs

The volleyball team closed the 2004 season at 20-13 last wekeend, as the spikers placed second at the 2004 PAC Championship Tournament at Waynesburg.

The second-seeded Lady Titans, posted a semifinal win over third-seeded Washington & Jefferson before falling to top-seeded Waynesburg in the championship match.

Junior outside hitter Erin Hinks led four Lady Titans against W&J with double digit kill totals by posting a team-best 23 kills, followed by freshman outside hitter Hannah Parker with 18 kills, while sophomore setter Rachael Cooper and sophomore middle hitter Katie McDermott added 12 kills apiece.

Cooper set up a team-high 32 assists, followed by senior Lauren Lalama with 26. Senior Sara Miller led the squad with 26 digs.

Football scholar-athletes honored

Two football standouts - senior defensive back Clint DeLuca and senior linebacker Ryan Aleski have been named to the 2004 Academic All-District II College Division Football Second Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

DeLuca, the team's starting free safety, leads the 2004 Titans with 10 pass breakups and is third on the team in total tackles with 64, while adding an interception and a blocked kick. A two-time PAC Academic Honor Roll member, DeLuca possesses a 3.699 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) majoring in biology.

Aleski, a starting linebacker who was lost for the season due to injury on Oct. 23, posted 46 total tackles and a pass breakup in the first seven games. He possesses a 3.407 cumulative GPA majoring in elementary education.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Steelers? Really the best in the NFL?

There must come a time for me to swallow my pride and confess. Confess that the Pittsburgh Steelers are playing red hot and are possibly the best team in the National Football League. However, I must say that it is a little early to be placing them in the Super Bowl.

Steelers' fans don't get upset, because if it were played tomorrow, they would without a doubt beat just about anyone. The Steelers are the first team since the 1934 Detroit Lions to beat two unbeaten in two consecutive weeks.

The real question is, who to credit? The coaching or maybe the defense, or some seem to think Big Ben is the answer. Personally, I feel the Steelers are just playing as one. They are solid on every aspect of the game right now. The defense, offense, and special teams are clicking on all cylinders.

First, we can start with the offense. Ben Roethlisberger has been outstanding since he became the starter with an injury to Tommy Maddox.

The stats do not lie; he has completed 107 passes on 155 attempts for 1,316 yards and 11 touchdowns, throwing only five interceptions.

By the way, he's 6-0 as a starter, being the only rookie to do so since 1976. Believe it or not, the last time it happened, it occurred in Pittsburgh, when Mike Kruczek filled in for an injured Terry Bradshaw.

There is one major difference between the two however; Kruczek didn't throw a touchdown pass all season. He had the benefit of playing behind the infamous "Steel Curtain." Without a doubt Roethlisberger has been playing like a veteran, hanging tough with an extreme amount of confidence.

The running game was also working, as Jerome Bettis has carried 33 times for 149 yards. This was his 55th career 100-yard rushing game.

The defense is the real reason I think the Steelers are a cut above the rest in the National Football League. Just looking at the rushing statistics over the last two weeks can sum up the play of these guys.

Twenty-eight is the magic number. The Steelers defense has allowed 28 total rushing yards against two unbeaten teams. This is the lowest rushing total allowed in Steelers football history.

In both games there was no comparison in rushing, total domination. The Patriots were out rushed 221-5 and the Eagles were victim as well, 252-23.

Wide Receiver Hines Ward, pretty much summed up the season thus far for the Steelers:

"Nobody ever thought that we'd do this. We're giving defensive coordinators heck trying to figure out what we are going to do, with weapons all over the field and a quarterback that just keeps getting better and better."

Well Hines, I must say, I have to agree. I never thought that the Pittsburgh Steelers would be playing this kind of football, either.

I apologize to all of my fellow Browns fans out there, but this Sunday, I'm not holding my breath. All I can really do is watch and hope for the best.

There is nothing more that I would love to see than a Cleveland Browns upset of the "Mighty" Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Arts & Entertainment

Pixar's perfect record expanded by Brad Bird's Incredible effort

Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

What do Ben Roethlisberger and Pixar have in common? They're perfect. So far.

With The Incredibles, Pixar followed "Big Ben" to another victory, both with the critics and the fans. While not credited with the all-time animated movie opening (Shrek 2 scored that earlier in the year), The Incredibles edged out Finding Nemo for the number two spot.

A pretty impressive feat since the latter was given the advantage of a summer release.

The Incredibles follows the Parr family, former super-heroes forced into hiding when the world turned against them and their hidden identities.

While the matriarch Helen has settled into "regular" life and raised three kids, Bob resents his lot and yearns for something more.

He gets his wish one day when he is secretly recruited to defeat an evil robot. He soon learns, however, that this robot was created by his former biggest fan, who desires to use his inventions to become a super-hero himself.

With is family in danger, Bob goes to save the day but when he runs into trouble they must come and rescue him.

Like most great movies, the true meaning is disguised with an exciting tale. Here the heroics are really just the forefront for a deeper story about family life in our age.

The Parrs face many of the problems the typical American family sees every day. Frustrations with work, lives in a rut, and hiding some sort of secret from the world are not uncommon with Americans.

It is this personal connection nearly everyone can have with the Parrs that pulls the audience deeper into the plot and emotionally connects them with the true story.

Like most Pixar movies, this film refers to other films to heighten the audience connection as well as increase the humor/excitement of any given situation.

For The Incredibles, the audience is treated to classic Bond music and girls, a thrilling chase in the spirit of the Speeder chase on Endor, and of course subtle references to other super-hero movies.

For those that are more "in" the business, one character is a hilarious spoof of the famous Edith Head: famous costume designer whose credits go back as far as the first ever Best Picture winner.

And for all you Kevin Smith fans, the villain Syndrome (voiced by the underrated Jason Lee) is "accidentally" referred to as Brody. Hilarious.

Other voice performances standout in the movie as well: Coach's Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, and the always-great Samuel L. Jackson provide voices for three of the main characters in the film.

Like Ellen DeGeneres in Finding Nemo or Eddie Murphy in Shrek, these actors are able to get a solid, emotional performance out even when placed in an animated body. Even the director delivers with a voice performance, as Brad Bird tackles the voice of Edna 'E' Mode, the costume designer mentioned earlier.

Bird not only sat in the director's chair and voiced a performance, but wrote the screenplay as well. This versatile man, best known for his beloved The Iron Giant, scored perfect marks in all areas for this movie.

With each area of the movie as well constructed as it is, there's really no way the film could have failed. The result is a definite front-runner for Best Animated Feature, as well as a now potential Best Picture candidate in this rather pitiful year.

Is this the best movie we have seen this year? No, Eternal Sunshine still holds that honor.

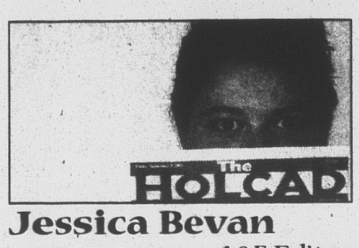
But since the chances of it receiving the recognition it deserves seems to be dwindling by the day, neither one of us would be disappointed to see some accolades given to The Incredibles, clearly the best animated movie out this year.

With The Polar Express in the theaters by the time you read this and SpongeBob SquarePants coming out in a few weeks, the race for that Oscar isn't over.

So go enjoy The Incredibles and take in its competition as well. We can't speak for the other two movies yet, but we can be certain you'll love The Incredibles, one of only two A movies we've seen this semester.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor. Both are involved with the International Film Festival and Classic Film Series.

When did movie trailers become the feature?



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Here's food for thought: when did movie trailers become so important to the film industry?

I really think I must have fallen asleep at some point, because very recently trailers and previews for movies are now on their way to being treated with the same reverence as the films they precede.

For some, a minute-long trailer, or even the 30-second teaser, to an anticipated movie is more important than the two hours of "otherness" that it is paired with. You'd be surprised how many people saw that Looney Tunes fiasco from last spring just for the Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban teaser. There's no doubt that the same was true for any, or all, of the Lord of the Rings previews. And how many people do you think went to the movies this past weekend just to catch a glimpse of the new Star Wars trailer, and then thought, "Heck, since I'm here, might as well stick around for The Incredibles..." (I'm sure they're glad they did stay put, though. Any movie that has Jason Lee as a comedic villain is destined to be magnificent.)

But wait a tick. I'll bet you're saying to yourself, "Self - aren't those movies that the just the geeks care about?"

And we do have to wonder: is it just the sci-fi, big budget fantasy movies that are causing all of this commotion? I'm not so sure.

While I don't think people were exactly clamoring to catch a sneak peek at The Seed of Chuckie, we now have the assurance that any movie web site worth its salt is going to have at least one version, if not more, of a teaser, trailer, etc. available for download. And I absolutely believe that these tactics do have somewhat of a correlation with the sleeper hits.

Let's take Garden State for example. The movie received excellent reviews at the smaller film festivals long before it hit mainstream theaters. This leads the independent film fiends to the web site. Smart cookie that he is, director Zach Braff puts a minute-long trailer that's just dying to be played on MediaPlayer. That movie buff tells his pals what's up, and before you know it, because of that minute of sliced and diced mini-movie magic, Garden State finds a respectably sized audience. (This is totally a theory and is no way scientific.)

In the same vein, however, there are crazy fan sites, like one for Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith, that were only accessible to those dedicated enough to purchase a $40 membership. Who in their right mind is going to pay $40 to see a trailer? (Although, I'd like to hope that your membership gets you more than just the trailer.) Plenty of people, that's who. You know who you crazed folk are.

This all leads me back to my original thought... when did trailers transition from those annoying hurtles in the way of your $7.50 movie to the whole reason for going to the theater in the first place? Regardless, the trend is not going away soon.

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New Destiny's Child CD leaves little to be desired

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press Writer

Destiny's Child's new album is called "Destiny Fulfilled." A more apt title might have been Destiny "We always insisted we would do another group project together after going solo, so here it is, obligation taken care of, now let's move on with our lives."

This album, coming three years after the Grammy-winning, multiplatinum "Survivor," shows that Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams can still make beautiful harmonies together.

Yay for that, because there's not much else going for it.

Of the 11 tracks on this album (which was recorded in only three weeks), only a couple stand out.

There's the first single, "Lose My Breath," a Rodney Jerkins production driven by a drum line that's sure to be a college band favorite in no time.

"Through With Love," produced by Mario Winans, is another where the drums, melody and lyrics come together to create a song that lingers in the mind.

The rest of the album is blah R&B, in some cases downright cringeworthy. In "Cater 2 U," Knowles offers to give her man a foot massage and manicure, while Rowland promises to keep in shape, maintain her hairstyle and wear hot clothing. Yikes.

Weren't these ladies just singing about being independent women?

Clearly, these women have proved they can do their own thing. Williams has been on Broadway, Rowland has had a hit song of her own, and Knowles, well, she's an entertainment empire in the making. Movies, perfume, multiple Grammys, a well-known love interest in rapper Jay-Z, she's got it all.

There's no real compelling musical reason for Destiny's Child to exist anymore, and if the songs on this album are any indicator, the ladies would seem to agree.

Entertainment news from around the world

By The Associated Press

LONDON - Hugh Grant says he's lost interest in acting and is heading into retirement.

Grant, who plays heartthrob Daniel Cleaver in "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," was quoted Thursday by the Evening Standard's Metro magazine as saying film acting is a "miserable experience."

"It's so long and boring and so difficult to get right," Grant said. "I am sort of semiretired. I keep thinking I'm going to write a brilliant script."

Grant, whose screen credits include "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill" and the first "Bridget Jones" movie, gained international notoriety when he was caught in a car with Hollywood prostitute Divine Brown in 1995.

The 44-year-old actor, who took his new girlfriend, heiress Jemima Khan, to this week's London premiere of "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," told the magazine he didn't feel pressure to settle down.

LONDON - If Renee Zellweger has grown tired of playing Bridget Jones, British fans would like to see an English star in the role.

Kate Winslet, 29, was the most popular choice to replace Zellweger if she turned down a part in a third installment, according to a fan vote published Thursday. "Fight Club" actress Helena Bonham Carter was among other British actresses getting votes.

Zellweger, 35, played the role of the chubby, chain-smoking, chardonnay-swilling British TV journalist in the 2001 film "Bridget Jones's Diary" and its sequel, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," which had its red-carpet premiere in London this week.

"Titanic" star Winslet took 41 percent of the vote in a survey by Sky Movies, a pay TV channel. Reese Witherspoon, 28, was the second most popular choice in the vote by 3,476 viewers.

NEW YORK - VH1 is getting a new "Surreal Life."

Another batch of not-so-A-list celebrities moved into a Hollywood mansion earlier this month to have their lives together taped for a fourth season of the reality show, the network said Wednesday.

The latest cast of "The Surreal Life" includes former WWE wrestler Joanie Lauer, aka Chyna; pixie-haired guitarist Jane Wiedlin of The Go-Go's; actor Christopher Knight, who played Peter Brady on "The Brady Bunch"; shaggy-haired model Marcus Schenkenberg; sassy rapper Da Brat; Mini-Me actor Verne Troyer; and Adrianne Curry, winner of the first "America's Next Top Model."

The third season, which included rapper Flavor Flav of Public Enemy, "American Idol" star Ryan Starr and songstress Charo, aired its finale last week. Over the course of 10 episodes, the cast members lived together while performing regular routines, cleaning the house, grocery shopping, and off-the-wall stunts, including hanging out in a haunted abandoned hospital and surfing.

Past "Surreal Life" cast members have included M.C. Hammer, Corey Feldman, Ron Jeremy, Tammy Faye Baker, Erik Estrada and Vanilla Ice. The fourth "Surreal" season will premiere Jan. 9.

Choose a Worthy Path and Take a Hike

Wednesday, Nov. 17th @ Orchard St. Café
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info Table
A Christian Ministries in the National Parks

Thursday, Nov. 18th @ Mueller Theater
12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Corporate Information Session
Merck Research Laboratories

Friday, Nov. 19th @ Patterson 131
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Enlightening Lecture
Russian Speaker Galina Kozlova

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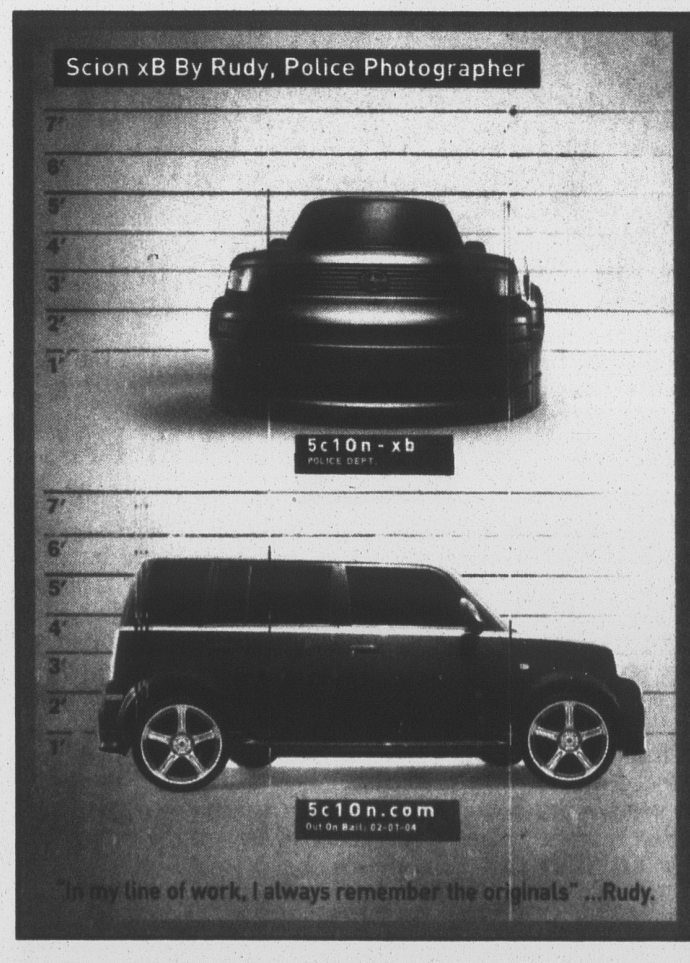

Calendar

November 12, 2004

Non-Traditional Student Week

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

12 PM - 2 PM College Bowl Information Table — Orchard Street Cafe

5 PM - 6 PM College Bowl Information Table — Orchard Street Cafe

5 PM Fall Overnight Visitation Kick-Off Event — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

6 PM - 9 PM Bible Study Workshop — TBA (Call Chapel Office)

7 PM "Just Imagine" Planetarium Show — Hoyt 116 (Planetarium)

7 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Kiss Me, Kate — Beeghly Theater

8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

10 PM - 2 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

November 13, 2004

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

Zeta Tau Alpha Shoot for the Cause

12:15 PM Honors Chorus Banquet — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

3 PM Student Recital: Jennifer Helms, violin — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7 PM "Just Imagine" Planetarium Show — Hoyt 116 (Planetarium)

7 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Kiss Me, Kate — Beeghly Theater

8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

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2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Kiss Me, Kate — Beeghly Theater

3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255

7 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311

9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller

9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

November 15, 2004

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:30 PM All-Campus Book Discussion: The Da Vinci Code — MCC Mueller Theater

9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9 PM Monday Night Football: Philadelphia at Dallas — MCC Club

9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting — Patterson 113

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

November 16, 2004

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM Biology Lunch/Speaker, Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett — Hoyt Science Center 152

4:30 PM Mathematics Department Career Colloquium: Carol Zimmerman, alum speaker — Hoyt 152

5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230

5:30 PM Summit II Meeting at Chaplain Jim Mohr's Home

5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255

7 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Knife in the Water, Poland, 1962 — MCC Mueller Theater

9 PM Off-Campus Lottery — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

November 17, 2004

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Jamie McMinn — MCC Mueller Theater

6 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228

7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9 PM Stargazing (weather permitting) — Roof of Hoyt Science Center (meet in lobby)

9 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

November 18, 2004

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Corporate Information Session: Merck — MCC Mueller Theater

1:30 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116

4 PM "Good News" Video Discussion Group — MCC Mueller Theater

5 PM Seekers Executive Council Meeting — MCC 352

5:30 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231

7 PM Bleasby Colloquium — MCC Mueller Theater

7 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 352

7:00 PM Biology Seminar: Dr. Jeff Taylor, Slippery Rock — Phillips Lecture Hall

8 PM - 9:30 PM Sigma Nu Rent-a-Snake — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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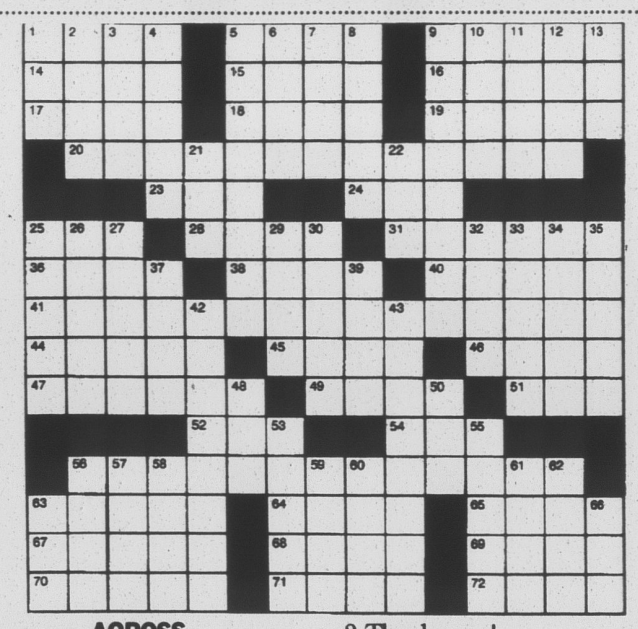

ACROSS

1 Top-grossing film of 1975
5 After John
9 Native Israeli
14 Touched down
15 Settle into an easy chair
16 Firth of Clyde island
17 Finished with 4,256 hits
18 Piece of glass
19 Jerk one's knee?
20 1992 Stephen Rea movie
23 ___ forma
24 Genetic initials
25 Choose
28 Metamorphoses poet
31 1960 Hitchcock thriller
36 Yorkshire river
38 "La Traviata" tune
40 Jenny Craig recommendation
41 Yellow-belly
44 Toga alternative
45 Antitoxins
46 Location
47 Incantations
49 Steak order
51 Debussy's "La ___"
52 I like ___
54 Local theater, for short
56 Riparian tree
63 Hollers
64 Director Kazan
65 Copied
67 Beethoven's "Für ___"
68 Ladder step
69 "Ruggles of Red Gap" actress Pitts
70 Silver, to the Lone Ranger
71 Sioux Indian
72 Choir member

DOWN

1 Grate
2 Thanks ___!
3 A genie grants it
4 Precipitous
5 Thumbs up
6 Statesman Henry
7 Writer Morrison
8 Pass, as time
9 Atlantic sea
10 Length times width
11 Dracula author Stoker
12 Indy 500, for one
13 Barbecue buttinsky
21 ___-Magnon
22 Govt. statistic
25 Hop kilns
26 Betty Grable, to a GI
27 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
29 Fleur-de-lis
30 Where Flo worked
32 Frambesia
33 Assertion
34 Ah Sin playwright
35 More strange
37 Agatha Christie's ___ Under the Sun
39 Home of the Taj Mahal
42 Obscured
43 Baby buggy
48 Tomba does it well
50 Conger
53 Calendario opener
55 "___ Suite"
56 Fight reminder
57 Novelist Wiesel
58 Besides
59 Oversupply
60 Sot
61 Fall birthstone
62 Batman portrayer Adam
63 Roundabout band
66 Jan and Dean, e.g.

Last weeks's answers

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Take time and practice caution when handling other people's money. Make sure that your accounting or recording skills are accurate and up to par.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A partnership plays a major role in your life this week. Find ways to expand your shared interests and to spend lots of quality time together.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Consistency and familiarity breeds success. Play it smart and stick to a set plan or tried-and-true method for performing a specific task.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You have talent along with an opportunity for creative self-expression. Approach a pet project with an open mind and enthusiasm.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): There is action and excitement charted for the home front this week. Enjoy an unusual surprise with a loved one or family member.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): An eye-popping mental excursion is just what the doctor ordered. Allow your mind to wander free and get lost in an entertaining movie or novel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): It is best to make an important financial decision with the help of a friend or associate. Play your cards right and a loan or credit request is granted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Add a little style or flair to your personal appearance. In a public presentation, you must act and dress the part in order to attract success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You will feel most comfortable with behind-the-scenes activities this week. Relax and make impressive leaps and bounds on the internal plain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It appears you might be too close to a situation to see it clearly. Ask a trusted friend for advice or insights to help solve a baffling dilemma.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Be first to step forward and claim recognition for assignments or task that are well done. Stand up and take a bow.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There are several important lessons about romance or finance on tap this week. Create a wholesome learning environment for yourself and others.

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

OPEN

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10:00 pm - 2:00 am
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Concert- Springhill
8:00pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday 8:00 pm — Friday 10:30 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm — Saturday 8:00 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm — Sunday 9:00 pm

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
Eagles vs. Cowboys
9:00p.m.
Club Room

COMING SOON...

Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Nov. 19	Amnesty International Jamnesty
Nov. 20	College Bowl
Nov. 20	Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 3	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 4	Circle K's sponsors Snowball Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 22	Saturday Night Titan's Tavern
Jan. 28	Friday Night Titan's Tavern
Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr. 16	Relay for Life
Apr. 23	Swing and Sing
Apr. 30	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

Features

Me, me, me: What I'm doing

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

On average, I consume about one dozen cookies a day. But today, I might have reached my limit.

This column stinks like corn chips.

I thought I would take a little breather, away from the awesomeness that is my regular commentary on things, and write about what's going on with me at the moment. I am in no way disillusioned and think that any of you care about any of the stupid things I am going to write about, but I'm going to write about them anyway. Enjoy!

#1 My hair is pink.

Never believe hair-dye boxes when they vow to wash out in one shampoo. It's all lies, I tell you! I dyed my locks for a costume party, and a pink tint has stayed with me. I'm actually feeling pretty good about it, besides the fact that I look like I'm 12 and experimenting with Kool-Aid. But rest assured, my hair is only pink and not cherry flavored.

#2 My dorm room smells like corn chips and the elderly.

My roommate and I have been searching for the cause of this odor for days. We've found nothing. It's highly mysterious. We certainly haven't had a group of old people eating Fritos in our room, at least not recently.

#3 I'm registered for only four credits next semester.

Yeah. I really don't have much to say about this that won't result in me getting slapped in the face by a person from the registrar's office. It's most likely my fault anyway, but I'd like to believe the opposite. I'm fairly certain that I will have 16 credits, at least, by next spring. That, or, I'll just drop out of school.

#4 My favorite NFL team beat the Philadelphia Eagles.

In case you are one of the few people left on this campus that I haven't told, I fed the Steelers at their training camp this year. It's no coincidence that I served them food, and they are now one of the best teams in the NFL. I am now a hardcore Steelers fan. So hardcore, I skipped a make-up and jewelry party on Sunday to watch the game. Even though I love make-up and jewelry, I chose the "manly" option of watching muscular men in tight pants run around and tackle each other. "Would you like gravy on your chicken, or my hand in marriage, Mr. Roethlisberger?"

#5 I've eaten too many cookies.

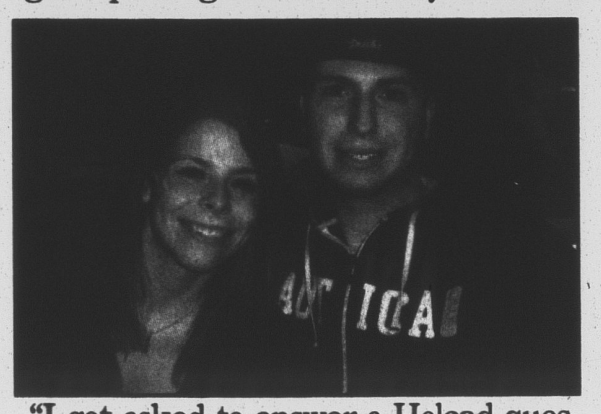
This is a rarity for me. On average, I consume about one dozen cookies a day. But today, I might have reached my limit. That is sad. I think I am tearing up. But, I am no quitter. Tomorrow is a new day, and there are more miraculous Sodexho cookies waiting to be digested.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What was the most random thing that happened to you this week?

"I got 4 parking tickets in 2 days." - Kristan Kohley



"I got asked to answer a Holcad question." - Anthony Beilstien

"My friend that I grew up with IMed me. I haven't talked to him since I was like 10." - Jen Frank

"It snowed on Monday. It [ticked] me off." - Kristy Humphries

"I tackled a realty sign." - Name withheld over law concerns.

"I watched a squirrel eat a French fry." - Amanda Kramer

"Puking." - Ryan Dush

Political Pong: It now hinges on the cabinet

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

As we all know, George was elected to a 2nd term as President. What some people don't realize, however, is that his cabinet doesn't necessarily carry over.

The cabinet is a set of appointed positions by the President, which are confirmed by the Senate. Whenever a President is elected to a 2nd term, he may reappoint his entire cabinet if he feels like it.

At the same time, a current cabinet member may decide that he or she has served their purpose and will resign.

So for our article this week, Russ and I decided to give our predictions for the new Bush administration.

Now keep in mind, these aren't necessarily realistic predictions. Rather, they are our hopeful suggestions, after all, we can dream, can't we?

Who needs to take their complimentary White House towel and go?

I'm going with John Ashcroft and Colin Powell.

Let's start with the Attorney General, old Johnny boy. Now Mr. Ashcroft doesn't necessarily scream "Mr. Personality".

If you remember, he was defeated in his reelection for Senator in Missouri by the challenger Mel Carnahan, who also died before the Missouri public had a chance to vote.

That's right; he lost to a dead guy.

Maybe George felt pity for his old friend and thought, "Hey, why don't I make him Attorney General? Who can mess up that job?"

Unfortunately, Ashcroft's weak character and polarizing attitude (which for some reason worked for Janet Reno) hasn't paid off in the eyes of the American public. Sorry John, your time has come.

I'm sure the fact that I would like Secretary of State Colin Powell to leave surprises you, considering he's one of the most respected figures in the Bush administration.

However, it's not just experience and respect that makes a person suitable for the cabinet. In my opinion, all members of the cabinet must be on the same page and project a cohesive agenda.

In the past four years, Secretary Powell's press conferences often seemed forced, as if he didn't believe in what he was presenting.

Although rumors have varied on the probability of Colin Powell's departure, I would hope that Powell would realize that his mentality would be served best under a different administration.

With Powell and Ashcroft out, who should be movin' on up?

The position of Attorney General is straightforward: oversee the Department of Justice and enforce the law.

Who better to enforce the law than straight shooter and former POW John McCain.

McCain knows the ins and outs of Washington law, not to mention the fact that he is a good friend of the President and most of the cabinet.

McCain would be a breath of fresh air compared to his last two predecessors to the Office of Attorney General.

As for the position of Secretary of State, whose job is to develop, maintain, or sever relations with the rest of the world on behalf on the United States, my suggestion is a bit more predictable.

Many political analysts believe that Condoleezza Rice, current National Security Advisor to the President, would be a viable replacement, and I have to agree with them.

Others have suggested that she should replace Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, if he were to leave his post.

However, I would have to disagree.

I think Rice's character, with excellent communication skills and quiet temperament, would better suite the office of Secretary of State.

Overall, I don't see President Bush's 2nd cabinet to be much of a shake-up. After all, if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

Well, wonderful people of Westminster, America has spoken and George W. Bush has been elected to a second term.

Now, I am going to try to embrace bipartisanship and that is why I am wishing George W. Bush the best of luck.

In order for him to be more successful in his second term, I am asking Georgie to look at my list of changes that need to be made to his cabinet.

First, Colin Powell has got to save his own reputation and leave his position of Secretary of State. His now infamous speech in front of the UN (The one telling the world that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction) really made people around the world question his diplomatic ability and his word.

He needs to go back to his family and write his memoirs telling us how he, like Richard Clarke, was made to testify before the UN with false information.

I still respect and look up to Colin Powell; he was just used to propagate a lie like many others.

My choice for his replacement is Senator Richard Lugar from Indiana who is a leading expert on foreign affairs.

Second, Donald Rumsfeld needs to be removed as Secretary of Defense. Rumsfeld mislead the country about Iraq's imminent threat and possession of nuclear weapons, he knew and potentially covered up information about the Abu Ghraib, and has failed in locating and killing the main person for the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mr. Osama Bin Laden.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

My replacement for Rumsfeld is William Cohen, the former Secretary of Defense under Bill Clinton, who is. by the way, a Republican. Cohen is level headed, logical, smart, and vigilant; all things Rumsfeld lacks.

Third, John Ashcroft needs to be removed as Attorney General. Ashcroft is a borderline totalitarian who believes that the government has the right to intrude in all aspects of American life. He is a staunch advocate of the PATRIOT Act and has made sweeping changes to how far the CIA can look into your past.

My replacement for him would be Anthony D. Romero, who is the Executive Director of the ACLU. I have a feeling he wouldn't be too interested in abusing our civil liberties.

Fourth, I think that Spencer Abraham needs to be removed from his post as Secretary of Energy. He is a life-long politician who has drug his feet to find viable alternate sources of energy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

My replacement for Abraham would be Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Finally, we come to my least favorite person, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson. As governor of Wisconsin, he implemented the infamous "Wisconsin Works" program where people on welfare were given meaningful jobs such as sweeping the floor at the state capital.

Instead of job training, people were forced to work two jobs to make ends meet because the state cut most welfare money that would normally go to training people for careers.

My replacement for Thompson would be former Vermont governor Howard Dean. Under Dean, Vermont had 99 percent employment and few cases of welfare. Also, every citizen of Vermont had healthcare, which would be an improvement for the United States.

To conclude, Bush's second term can take two paths.

One would be to a failed presidency where the situation in Iraq deteriorates and the economy gets worse.

The other path might salvage one term, and changing the cabinet is the way to do this.

So once again, good luck President Bush, you're going to need it.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

'50s diner puts new spin on time-tested atmosphere

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Do you girls remember clamoring to hang out with the cool crew of 90210 at the Peach Pit?

Do you guys remember how awesome the Fonz was, especially when he hit that jukebox in the diner?

Have you always been waiting for a little 1950's diner hangout of your own?

Well if you have then wait no longer, because your own little diner is right down the road and it goes by the name of The New 50's Diner.

The New 50's Diner is a locally owned restaurant on Butler Avenue in New Castle. Many of you may not have ever heard about The New 50's Diner because it's not exactly in the heart of New Castle, but trust me it worth the extra 5 minute drive.

The motto of the diner is "Home Made Food Home Town Taste" and the folks at The New 50's Diner aim to fulfill that motto as well as your stomach.

The New 50's Diner, as the name suggests, is a newer restaurant fashioned after the good old fashion American diners of the 1950s.

The environment is very interesting because it is reminiscent of a very rich time in American Popular Culture. On every wall there are pictures, paintings, and posters of such icons as Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, James Dean, and Coca-Cola.

The diner offers both counter and booth service which are decked out in that signature metallic red material which complements the black and white checkered floor.

Every table top of course has a bottle of Heinz's ketchup, mustard, napkins, and menus. The good old fashion "Rock n' Roll" music of the 1950s is gently playing in the background so that you can enjoy your meal, your friends, and your service.

Many of you are probably curious as to what The New 50's Diner has to offer on their menu. Well they offer breakfast items, lunch items, and dinner items.

While pancakes, waffles, and omelets sound tempting I have to say that you need to stick with the great American classics in this classical setting.

You can never go wrong with a good old fashion American Burger or Turkey Sandwich, especially at the New 50's Diner. The sandwiches are served just like they used to be with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Mayo with your choice of potato salad or fries.

Aside from the delicious items on the menu, another advantage to visiting the diner is that they maintained those good old fashion prices.

The average price for a sandwich, salad, or omelet on the menu is about $4.00! If you're a fast food junkie then that leaves you with enough money left over for a good old fashion milkshake made the same way as when your grandparents were your age!

So far you're probably thinking that The New 50's Diner is sound liking a good deal, but I should give you a fair warning about the type of people and service you'll encounter.

The service staff is nice for the most part, but they are a little slow in refreshing your beverages and bringing out your food.

The real drawback to the New 50's Diner is the regulars. On the whole they are far from being "new", it's almost as if the same kids that would have hung out a diner like this during their youth just waited around for the revival of a similar joint... 50 years later.

Instead of dancing around in their poodle skirts or flipping their leather jacket collars up, they are dancing around with their walkers and flipping back their daily medication.

For a bunch of people that were probably considered rebellious and progressive during the days of their youth, it's funny to see how they react to kids that tread upon their turf.

All I can say is take a visit to the diner and make a judgment for yourself.

It's now time for The New 50's Diner to meet the new generation of the Twinkie Scale. The diner provides good food, cheap prices, nostalgic atmosphere combined with creepy regulars.

All of these elements combined lead me to give the diner a 2.5 out of 4 Twinkies.

Until next week keep on grubbin'.

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Spring courses undergo changes

By Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Registration ended last week as the majority of students completed scheduling for spring classes, including the freshmen students, who were a greater challenge to the registrar's office than in previous years.

According to Registrar E. June Garner, the elimination of Inquiry 102 opened freshmen up to a new course in the spring semester, giving them three choices instead of two.

"There were some unknowns for us this year," Garner said.

About three to four outside advisors were brought in to registration in order to deal with problems that might arise during the process on most days, explained Garner. Later in the week, by Thursday, that number rose to between 12 and 20.

"It went very smoothly," Garner said. The advisors were available to help freshmen choose from their more limited class selections and also to consider opening new sections where it seemed necessary.

Garner noted that, in order to meet demand for more class sections, Dean Jesse Mann and several faculty chairs were available so that last minute math, Spanish, economics, sociology and biology courses could be opened. "On Wednesday we added several sections because of that," Garner said.

Freshman William King is critical of the registration process this year. "It was slow and boring," he said. On advisors, he added, "They weren't that helpful. There was nobody in the philosophy department there."

However, according to freshman Daniel Milcarzyk, registration went rather well. "I was in and out," Milcarzyk said. "I received every class I wanted except for one."

There were also mounting concerns among some students that recent measures by the college to reduce the courseload of professors would affect class availability.

Senior Laura Krutschnitt said that scheduling went smoothly, but that course availability was an issue. "There was only one course to finish out my minor," she said. Krutschnitt feels that the reduction of professor's hours affects the courses offered, particularly in fields with very few professors to begin with.

Garner heard these same concerns and looked into the issue. "It's a hard thing to quantify," she admitted. "Initially we had 14 fewer classes than last year. But we also added some courses."

In addition to this, she said enrollment is up, and so there are also more sections of many classes to compensate for the extra students. Garner does not feel, though, that there is any significant drop in classes, overall.

Garner said one reason professors are being given more lenient schedules is to encourage more scholarship, which had in previous years been very difficult with the busier course loads.

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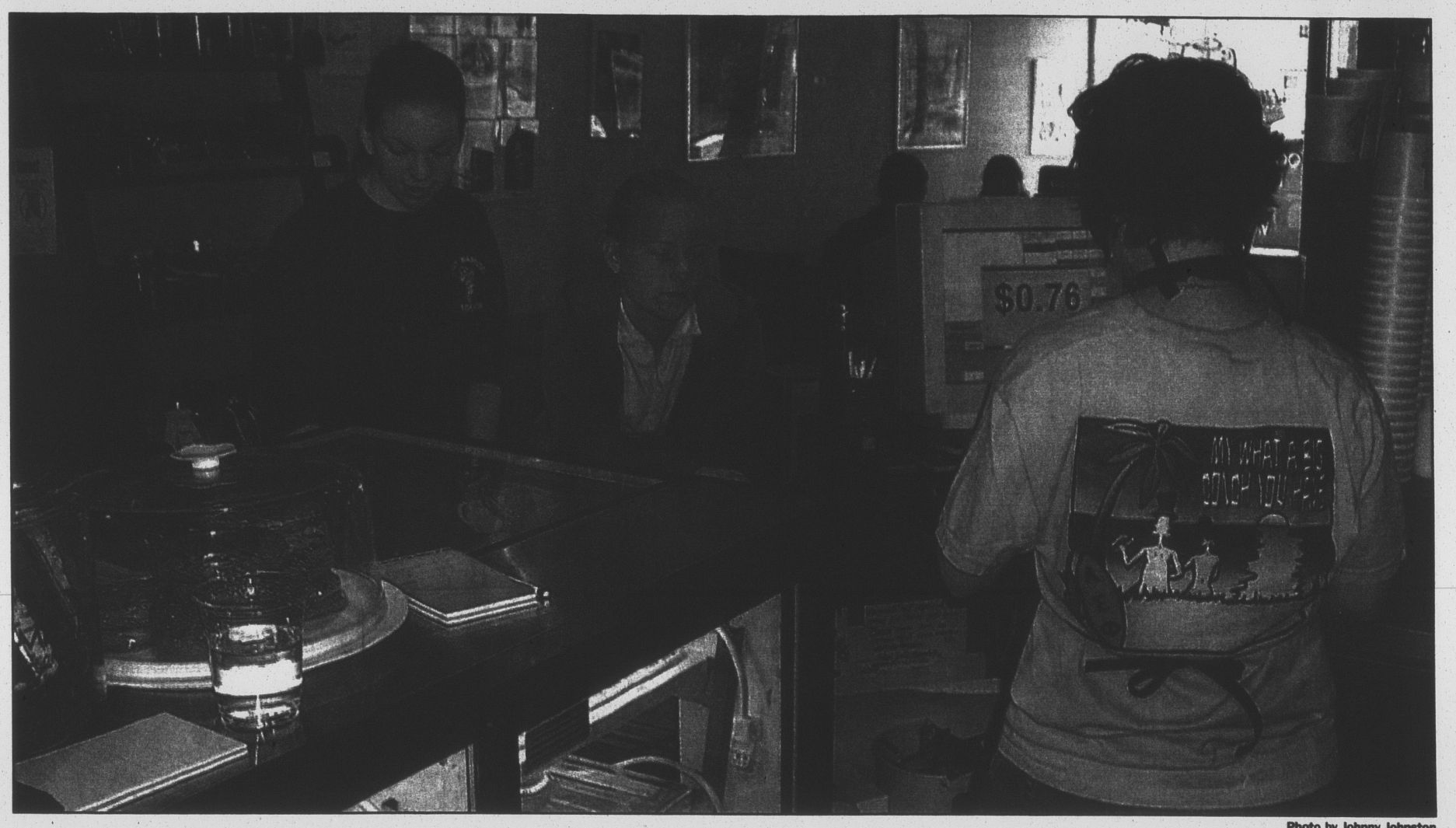

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Senior Sarah Kramer takes an order from senior Melissa Schroder and freshman Kristen Martin at Mugsies coffee house on Market Street. The college is looking into plans that will allow students to swipe their Titan Cards at local restaurants such as Mugsies in the future.

Titan Cards in town?

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer

In an attempt to provide more dining opportunities for students, the college is looking into extending the Titan Card program to various community businesses. This would allow students to spend their Titan dollars at restaurants like Mugsies, Pizza Joe's and Subway.

Enacting the Titan Card program off-campus would give students the opportunity to spend any amount of their Titan dollars at local businesses. The college would hold the deposited money and send monthly checks to the merchants based on an agreement outlining financial terms and procedures.

"I have been eager to move the Titan Card off-campus for several years," said Business Manager Don Shelenberger.

The problem is the cost of installing the equipment necessary to use Titan Cards.

Student Government Association President Jessica Rummel said the organization is considering helping with this expense and that a proposal is tentatively scheduled to be presented to all SGA members in January 2005. The possibility of using old Titan Card machines that can no longer be used on-campus is being discussed.

Local merchants and students alike are excited about this possibility. Sophomore Anthony Beilstein likes the idea because "it would give us [students] a chance to buy different food than what we normally get at the tub or the cafeteria."

Dave Llewellyn, owner of Pizza Joe's, said that he would love to participate in the off-campus Titan Card program. "I've lost a lot of business since the college started using a new food service and I think using Titan Cards would help to bring students back," Llewellyn said.

The Titan Card program would not only increase student patronage at local businesses, but it would also create a closer bond between the college and the community.

Bo DiMuccio, owner of Mugsies coffee house, said the program "would demonstrate a commitment on the part of the college administration to support the community and particularly its businesses...the Titan Card program could possibly be a very important and meaningful gesture."

While details regarding the program are only starting to be discussed, students and area merchants can expect to hear more about this idea as the year progresses. Following the proposal to SGA in January, a budget will be prepared to present to the college administration.

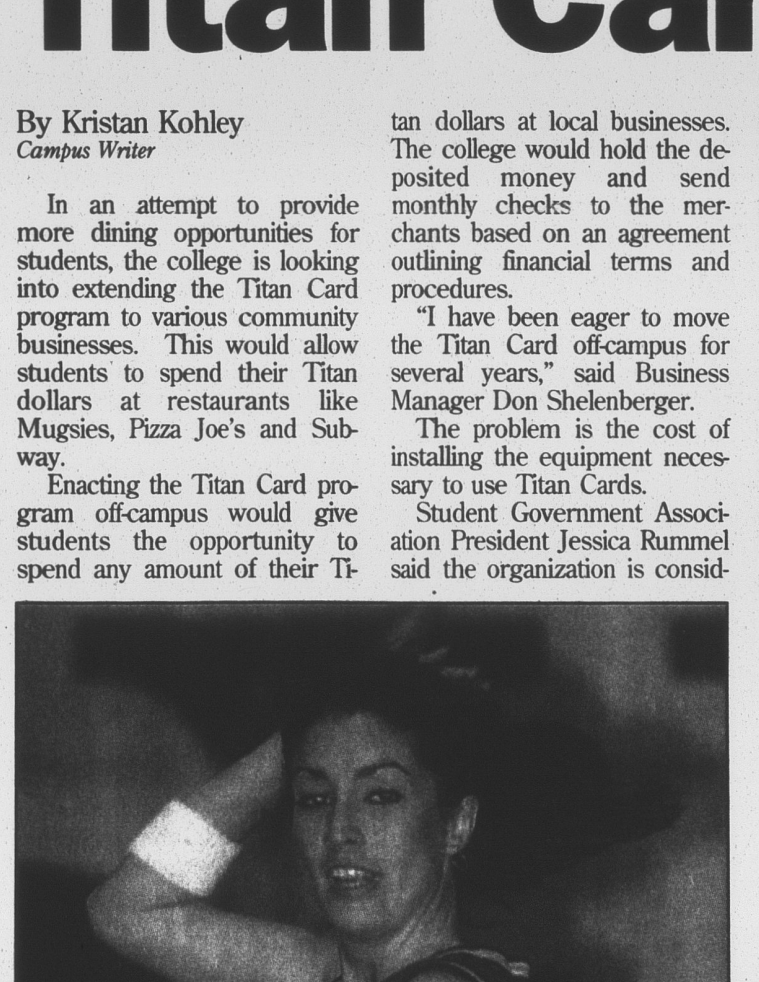

Photo by Willis Bretz

Sophomore Jaycie Galbraith busts a move on the court at the dance team half-time show.

Basketball season warms up for tip-off

Scrimmage offers dancing, contests and prizes

By Jason Mackey
Campus Writer

Is it basketball season already?

Buzz Ridl Gymnasium answered with a resounding "Yes" Monday night, as the Titans kicked off their 2004-05 season with the men's basketball blue and white scrimmage.

After having drifted away from this annual Titan tradition, Head Coach Larry Ondako wanted to bring back a one-time staple of Titan hoops.

"Last year we only had 13 guys so it would be tough to have a scrimmage like this, but this year we wanted to re-establish this tradition in order to get people excited for the basketball season," Ondako said.

Ondako and the rest of the coaching staff even offered to shoulder the cost of two students' books for the spring semester, should they "cash-in" on a half-court shot during the half.

Junior Andy Krawchyk had a chance to shoot from half-court. "I was nervous. I thought I might have had it for a second, but it just missed," Krawchyk said.

Fortunately for Ondako and his staff, out of the six students given a chance to shoot, none of them were able to convert.

Other events of the evening included individual player entrances, a Titan Dance Team performance, a DJ by the name of G-Unit and plenty of other prizes given away during breaks in the action.

The split-squad contest provided a unique test to the players, playing against an opponent whose tendencies they are quite familiar with.

"We know what to expect from our own guys. We know everything about them, whereas another team might require more preparation," junior guard Brian Fadden said.

The players were extremely pleased with the fan support Monday night.

"The turnout was great. I hope it generates some excitement for the season because we're certainly fired up," Senior Co-Captain Chris Hatch said.

Hatch leads a Titan hoops team that finished with a 15-13 record last season, en route to a PAC Championship and an ECAC Regional playoff birth.

The Titans return virtually their entire team, including five starters, all of which earned All-PAC recognition a year ago.

"I hope it generates some excitement for the season because we're certainly fired up."
-Chris Hatch, senior co-captain

"We're excited to defend our PAC Championship. The hard schedule should get us ready for the PAC tournament and hopefully an NCAA bid," Fadden said.

The Titans kick off their 2004-05 campaign with the Buzz Ridl Classic Friday, Nov. 19.

The men's basketball team will square off with Hiram College in a non-conference match up. Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

I love peanut butter!

When people cook quesadillas and set off alarms!

Skaters rule.

Have at you!

You won't have me! You won't have me!

She's going to be a nun.

What is with the couple from New Castle stalking our school?

Am I really graduating in six months?

Please don't talk about STDs in the presence of those who are eating.

Mmm...DVD goodness.

We could have measured the velocity of the former contents of my stomach.

We want Isaac's Rock Show and Music column back!

I think you just threw my hopes and dreams out the window.

I'm down with a sickness.

Hooray for the return of the Rant and Raves.

Help coffee bean laborers: buy Fair Trade coffee.

I love pudding cups.

They're trying to poke and ravage me!

When I grow up, I want to be Julie Andrews.

Woe unto thee who does not heed these words!

I think he rode the long bus to school.

Hooray for the one line that saves my entire virtual mojo.

Only you, only you.

I stayed there for three days, unable to turn around.

I remember when I did that. Wait, what did I do?

Schism, anybody? The pieces fit, yo.

I'm outtie.

I'm forecasting a 85% chance of massive weight gain within the next week.

Oh, there he goes, doing that Superman thing again.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Oh, pardon me and my "easy" major!

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Let me first start out by saying that "yes I am a theatre major" and "no I am not minoring in being a waiter." I always enjoy when people ask me what major I am and once I have responded, they give me that strange condescending eye that seems to say "oh, so you couldn't think of something important or worth while to do." But this goes beyond just theatre majors, there are a lot of majors on this campus that continually draw the ire of some for being supposed "easy majors."

We all know what I am talking about; theatre, music, public relations, political science, English, broadcasting, art and education majors all supposed to have it easy. All of us with "easy majors" apparently just sit around eating Fritos and laughing at everyone else who has "real" majors.

Now I will be the first to admit that as a theatre major, I may not have as many papers to write or tests to study for as anyone else, however, that does not mean that I do any less work than anyone else. If you are wondering how things balance out, I suggest you come to Beeghly for any show and see the balance. Being a theatre major is more than just memorizing lines and blocking (which in itself is not particularly easy), but also includes making props, constructing sets, designing lighting systems, designing sound layouts, making programs, paying production costs, running the box office, making costumes, doing make-up and running rehearsals (to name a few). I also remind you that every theatre major must be involved in each mainstage production, whether or not they are cast members. I don't know of any major on this campus where you have to work on something every night for at least three hours solid for two months or where you arrive at the facility at 6 p.m. and leave at 4 a.m. in the morning. We as theatre majors are doing all this in addition to attending classes and trying our best to lead semi-normal lives.

Now I speak on behalf of theatre majors merely because I am one, though we are certainly not the only ones to face this issue. If you think some of us have it easy, go tell a broadcast major who has to work at a high school football game in the middle of November that they don't do any work. Or tell a music major who spends hours upon hours a week rehearsing outside of class or lessons, in addition to overloading to a ludicrous average of 28 credits a semester every semester that they have the "good life". Tell those education majors with junior block or those who have to make lesson plans for student teaching that there job isn't that important. Tell the artists or English majors who spends weeks working on composition that what they are doing is easy. I encourage you to tell them this and see how well they react.

It seems that many have the mentality of "oh, well your major is so experimental and subjective that it is impossible to get bad grades." I beg to differ, I have earned each and every one of the grades I have received at Westminster good and bad. It seems to me that since our classes are so "subjective" that our problems may have an infinite number of solutions which merely confuses and makes things that much more difficult.

The important thing to remember is that we all chose our majors (hopefully mommy or daddy didn't choose it for you...) and that each one of them has its good points and bad points. If you think everyone else has it so easy, then switch majors and find out! We all choose our desired majors for a reason, so lets respect those choices.

In the end, I give a lot of credit to all those with the "hard" majors, as I couldn't do what you all do (I had enough problems in environmental science...let alone something far more complex) and I in no way envy them. But in fairness it must be recognized that tests and papers and labs are not the only way to get an education, and these alternative means of education are no less work than anything else.

The thing I have found about Westminster (and colleges everywhere) is that it is not necessarily what you major in, but you make of the major.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theater. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

Letters to the Editor

Campus needs to take stand against Web site

I would like to respond to Megan Sigler's article last week about the college's marketing campaign.

It has been noted throughout the campus by faculty and students that the Web site is projecting a bad image. First of all, I am a member of the Student Westminster Admissions Team.

I'd like to be able to tell the people I give tours to that I am proud of every aspect of this college. Sure, there will always be things that are irritating, but having a Web site and different campaigns in conjunction with pop music and bar hopping just makes me sick to my stomach. These campaigns have been designed to cater to 12-17 year olds. Now, when I was 12, I wasn't even thinking about college. Heck, the only think I used the internet for was downloading music and playing videogames. At age 17, when I first checked Westminster's website, I was impressed by the professional quality. I wasn't looking for a color wheel.

If you want to grab the attention of prospective students, advertise majors, not pastel colors. One thing that I do notice on the website is under the Features section. At the very top is the headline, "Support Westminster."

Let me tell people something about the Web site: if you ever expect me to click on that feature, you'd better rethink your approach to attracting people to Westminster.

Personally, I won't support a school that does not appear professional. Like all students, we plan to be very successful. If the college wants to see any of that success come back to them, they had better lend an ear to our argument.

A final argument that the article makes is the appeal to prospective parents. They want to know if the college will provide for me in the present and the future. Will the college provide some funds for my education? Will I be able to get a job right out of college? I am always sure to tell the parents of prospective students that our career center has a 90% placement rate in jobs out of college.

Let's advertise that! I'd love my child to go to a school where he/she has a 90% chance to get a job as soon as they graduate.

In conclusion, let's see the campus community take an active stand against a marketing campaign that projects a bad image and demand that Westminster's integrity is restored.

John Buco
Sophomore - Theater

Computer labs deserve respect

The school bought all the labs new dell computers. Flat screen, high speed. I personally love the idea of logging on within a reasonable time frame. But with all this new equipment some precautions need to be taken. The labs are proctored for a reason. We are not just there to help the occasional student who has a mishap with the software, we are there to make sure nothing gets stolen or intentionally broken. Now I know many of you reading will get horribly offended by being called a vandal and a thief. Most of the student body is good natured and honest. But there will always be a few that mess things up for the rest of the group. Besides hunting those potential thieves down we staff the labs. The point that I am getting at is this. If you as a student do not work for Information Systems you are not allowed to open the labs. It may well be that we are late, or that you have work due. That's one of those circumstance's were we have to just say tough. If the lab is not open, go to another lab that is. Students are not authorized with the equipment. Just because you are paying to attend the college does not always mean you run the college. You do not have the complete freedom you would like to think you do. There are rules and guidelines for a purpose. If these new computers end up stolen or broken I will bet any money the students will be the first to complain and the school is going to feel their investment a waste. And believe me this was an investment with your best interests in mind. You would like to think the college is out to steal your money. With that mindset you miss all the good things they do provide you with. They have spent thousands to upgrade these labs so that you could work better. Now it's your turn to step up to the plate and take some responsibility. Follow a few rules now and then. They are there to protect your assets. Don't call security if the lab is not open. If you are that mad that someone is late, file a complaint. This is just another variable that the students can control; the safety of the labs. I would hope we are mature enough to do that.

Carolyn Kapus
Senior - Speech

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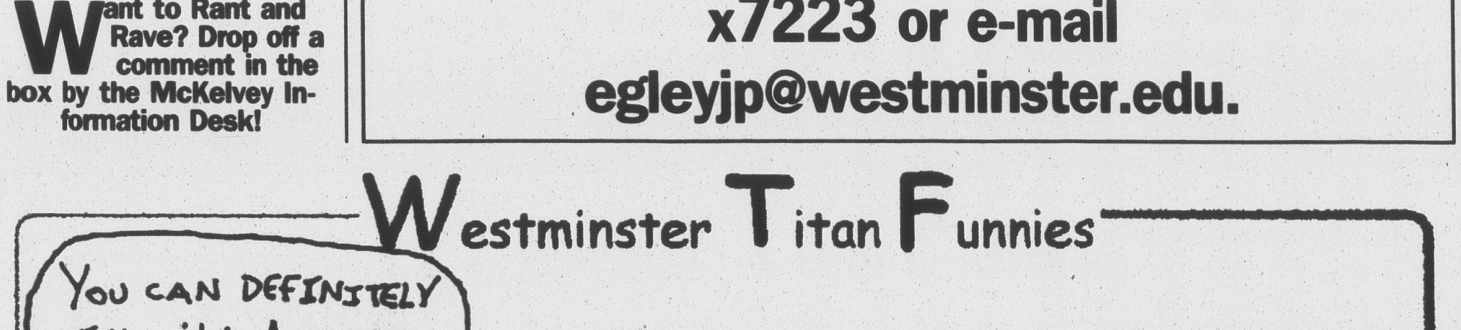

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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

Secret honorary society on Pitt campus announces return

By Nikki Schwab
Pitt News

When sophomore Jennifer Anukem came home to her Forbes Hall dorm room and checked her answering machine, she was perplexed to find a message congratulating her for winning the Druid's Cathedral Fountain Scholarship.

Anukem said she had never heard of the Druids, a secret honors society historically made up of campus leaders.

"It sounded like a fraternity or sorority or something," Anukem said.

Two days later, Anukem found in her mailbox an envelope with her name written ornately in gothic script. She opened the envelope to find a $175 gift certificate from the University Book Center, compliments of the Druids, Delta chapter.

Freshman Alex Capece received no telephone message from the Druids, but he, as well, was baffled when the same kind of envelope wound up in his mailbox in Towers.

"I just got a flashback from the movie 'The Skulls,'" Capece said.

In a press release sent to The Pitt News on Oct. 31, the Druids announced "their return to the University of Pittsburgh after a short absence."

"As a select group of highly motivated student leaders from a diverse set of backgrounds, we hope to once again help build the unparalleled Pitt spirit and camaraderie," the letter announced.

"Our first move in this direction has been to award two $175 book scholarships — the Druid's Cathedral Fountain Scholarship — to two Pitt students," the letter continued. "One male and one female have been found deserving of this honor."

Capece and Anukem were named in letter as the two recipients of the Druid Cathedral Fountain Scholarship.

The press release urged The Pitt News to contact the award winners because, "we are sure that this gift came as a pleasant surprise to them."

The letter was signed with a large, capital D in red font.

Formed at Pitt in 1920, the Druids' organization was last officially certified through the Student Organization Resource Center in 2000. When SORC required organizations to list at least 10 of their members, the Druids became more secretive.

According to the 1967 revised constitution of the University of Pittsburgh Delta chapter of the Druids, the aim of the organization is "to recognize and propagate among the undergraduate men of the University of Pittsburgh those ideals of leadership, scholarship, service and character which denote the outstanding student."

The constitution names student leaders sought by the Druids, including a president of a fraternity, interest group or religious society; the editor of a student publication; a member of the Interfraternity Council; or a Student Government "senator or cabinet member."

The Druids were last seen publicly in April 2002, when they paraded in cloaks through Hillman Library and the Cathedral. Since the midnight march, the Druids have remained relatively quiet, with only a few hints of their continued secretive existence on campus.

On sorority bid night last spring, a large cardboard "D" sign stood in front of the William Pitt Union, with notes on the ground below addressed to each of the sororities. Kappa Delta sister Michelle Turbanic witnessed the Druids and opened the note addressed to her sorority.

According to Turbanic, the Druids pulled up in a car, got out, set up the sign and left.

"They were completely cloaked in black robes," Turbanic said. "You couldn't tell who they were."

The note congratulated the sororities on a successful spring rush and was sealed with a fancy, red "D." The Druids remained quiet after the incident - until Capece and Anukem were awarded the Cathedral Fountain Scholarship.

Anukem is involved in numerous activities on campus. She is a Pathfinder, vice chair of political action for Black Action Society, president of Collegiate YMCA, a residential adviser for Forbes Hall and an undergraduate teaching assistant for a freshman studies class. She serves as the Freshmen Affairs Chair for Student Government Board and is running for board on a slate with Brian Kelly and Jarrod Baker.

"I'm not doing [all of the activities] to receive recognition from anyone, but it was nice to see that the Druids recognized me as a student leader on campus," Anukem said.

Anukem admitted to not knowing a lot about the group, and she said she would have to know much more about them to ever consider joining an organization like the Druids.

"I don't think they are a bad group at all," Anukem said.

The other winner of the scholarship, Capece, is involved in community activities. An emergency medical technician, he works at UPMC Presbyterian in the emergency room. He volunteers at student health teaching CPR. He is a freshman majoring in emergency medicine and is an associate member of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Capece had not heard of the Druids before he received his scholarship, either, but now he is very curious about the organization.

"I definitely want something else to happen now," Capece said. "Tell the Druids they can call my cell phone."

SGB President Brian Kelly said the Druid Cathedral Fountain Scholarship is a great way to honor students.

"I don't know what the requirements were, but I know Jennifer, and she's an outstanding leader," Kelly said.

Kelly admitted that people often ask him if he is a Druid because of his position as SGB president. "People don't believe me," he said, "but I'm not."

Historically, Kelly said, the Druids have been very community-based and have had a positive effect on Pitt.

"It's definitely a good thing that they are back on campus," Kelly said.

National

Film industry files first anti-piracy lawsuits

By Gary Gentile
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES - A trade group representing seven major movie studios filed a first wave of lawsuits against individuals they say are offering pirated copies of films using Internet-based peer-to-peer file-sharing programs.

As part of a larger effort to combat piracy, The Motion Picture Association of America also said it would soon make available a computer program that sniffs out movie and music files on a user's computer as well as any installed file-sharing programs.

The MPAA announced the federal court suits Tuesday, but did not say how many defendants were sued or where the lawsuits were filed. The group also did not immediately make available a copy of the complaint.

One lawsuit, obtained by The Associated Press, targets 18 individuals and was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis.

Other lawsuits are believed to have been filed in New York, Philadelphia and other areas with large concentrations of high-speed Internet customers. Such connections are required to download the massive movie files.

The St. Louis lawsuit is brought against "John Doe" defendants, including four people who are allegedly in possession of one pirated film each. Some of the Internet addresses for the defendants can be traced to high-speed Internet connections made available by Charter Communications, a cable television company based in St. Louis.

Like similar lawsuits filed by the record industry against downloaders of music files, the studios say they will be able to identify the individual defendants at a later date.

Some of the pirated copies of films allegedly offered over Internet peer-to-peer networks include "Troy," from Warner Bros., "Spider-Man 2," from Columbia Pictures and "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," from The Walt Disney Co.

Unlike the recording industry, the Hollywood studios did not offer an amnesty program for people to admit they have illegal downloaded files.

The lawsuits seek injunctions against the defendants. The copyright law also provides for penalties of up to $30,000 for each motion picture traded over the Internet, and up to $150,000 if such infringement is shown to be willful.

An MPAA executive defended the decision not to say how many suits were filed or where.

"It's not important," said John Malcolm, senior vice president and director of worldwide anti-piracy operations for the MPAA.

"It doesn't matter if it's 10 lawsuits or 500 lawsuits. The idea here is that there is no safe harbor."

Malcolm said more lawsuits would be filed in additional cities if the current legal action does not stem illegal downloading.

The MPAA said the information detected by the free file-detection program would not be shared with it or any other body, but could be used to remove any "infringing movies or music files" and remove file-sharing programs.

Bush chooses Rice to act as America's 'face to the world'

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Tuesday picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who once tutored him on global affairs, to be his top diplomat, saying her foreign-policy experience and struggle against racism uniquely qualified her to be America's "face to the world" as secretary of state.

"In Dr. Rice, the world will see the strength, the grace and the decency of our country," Bush said.

Rice will face major challenges across the foreign policy spectrum, trying to advance peace between Israel and the Palestinians, foster democracy in Iraq and persuade North Korea and Iran to step back from suspected nuclear-weapons programs.

She is considered more of a hard-liner than Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was out of step with more hawkish members of Bush's national security team.

In a Roosevelt Room announcement, Bush made plain that terrorism and the Middle East conflict topped his list of foreign-policy priorities. Rice's eyes welled with tears as the president cited her "deep, abiding belief in the value and power of liberty, because she has seen freedom denied and freedom reborn."

Bush also chose longtime domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secretary, administration officials said. Spellings helped shape Bush's school agenda when he was Texas governor and again when he assumed the presidency.

Rice, who would be the first black woman to serve as secretary of state, was somewhat sheltered as a youngster in Alabama from the racial conflicts and segregation of the South.

Her school teacher parents guided her into ballet, piano and French studies; her mother bought all her Girl Scout cookies so she wouldn't have to go door-to-door. But when she was 9, a bomb exploded at a Baptist church a few miles away, killing four black girls, one of them a schoolmate.

"As a girl in the segregated South, Dr. Rice saw the promise of America violated by racial discrimination and by the violence that comes from hate," Bush said. "But she was taught by her mother, Angelina, and her father, the Rev. John Rice, that human dignity is the gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

Rice was careful to say nothing about how she would oversee the State Department, its nearly 30,000 employees and its 265 posts around the world.

In a statement read from a prepared text, she confined her remarks to heaping praise on Bush and Powell.

"It is humbling to imagine succeeding my dear friend and mentor, Colin Powell. He is one of the finest public servants our nation has ever produced," Rice said.

Her cautious remarks reflected the potential minefield she faces in Senate confirmation hearings, likely to come the second week of December.

"I think she'll get hard questioning. That's inevitable," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority whip.

But McConnell and newly elected Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada predicted Rice would win approval.

Rice should "be confirmed fairly easily unless there's something I don't know," Reid said.

Sitting silently in the first row at Bush's announcement was the president's pick to succeed Rice as national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, who served with Rice for four years.

Asked whether his family knew long hours were in store for him, Hadley quipped: "What's different?"

But Bush elicited a smile from Hadley when he said: "Steve is a man of wisdom and good judgment."

"He has earned my trust, and I look forward to his continued vital service on my national security team," Bush said.

National Security Council officials said they expected no change in the organization's direction, but a lower profile for Hadley.

Whereas Rice has granted regular interviews to promote the administration's foreign policy, Hadley is more media-shy.

Aides describe Hadley as a multitasker and seasoned Washington insider with a good sense of humor, even when the news is bad.

Regional

Specter wins support for chairmanship

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Sen. Arlen Specter gained ground Tuesday toward winning the Senate Judiciary Committee chairmanship, which was thrown into doubt after he said judges who oppose abortion rights would face confirmation problems.

"I expect him to have the support of the committee," the panel's current chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said after a closed-door meeting of its 10 Republican members.

Specter, a moderate GOP senator from Pennsylvania who just won election to his fifth term, sought the meeting after social conservatives opposed to abortion mounted a campaign to deny him the job of guiding possible Supreme Court nominees, as well as lower court nominees, to confirmation.

"Nobody in the meeting was against Arlen," Hatch told reporters, with Specter at his side. "Senator Specter handled himself very well and frankly, I'm for him, as I should be."

Despite picking up the crucial support Tuesday, Specter stopped short of declaring victory.

"No chickens have hatched, and I don't count any chickens until they're hatched," he said. "But with (Sen.) Hatch beside me, I'm a little less unconfident."

Hatch, who cannot keep the post because of Republican term limits on chairmanships, said he expects the matter to be fully resolved before the 109th Congress convenes in January. It moved in that direction Tuesday when even conservatives on the judiciary panel characterized their meeting with Specter as productive.

Outside the Capitol, about 20 abortion opponents held a "pray-in" protesting the prospect of Specter's becoming the panel's chairman.

Specter, 74, stunned conservatives at a Nov. 3 postelection news conference when he said judicial nominees who would seek to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case legalizing abortion, probably would be blocked by Democrats.

"The president is well aware of what happened, when a number of his nominees were sent up, with the filibuster," Specter said then. "And I would expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning."

Specter spent virtually all of Tuesday, the first day of Congress' return after the election two weeks earlier, offering private reassurances to conservatives in hopes of quelling the controversy.

Before the Judiciary Committee meeting, he spent 90 minutes with eight Senate party leaders in Majority Leader Bill Frist's office.

"Arlen has done a tremendous job reaching out to senators over the phone and in person," said Frist, who only days earlier expressed concerns about Specter's remark.

Other conservatives on the Judiciary panel who had earlier distanced themselves from Specter also characterized their meeting with him as productive.

"We got our questions answered, and we had a good discussion," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., whose own federal judgeship nomination in 1986 was thwarted, in part, by Specter.

But when asked if he will support Specter for the chairmanship, Sessions said, "I haven't announced any decision."

No Senate Republican has openly opposed Specter's ascension to the chairmanship, and several, including Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Gordon Smith of Oregon and Richard Lugar of Indiana, have voiced support for him.

"He's going to be the chairman, I believe," Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Tuesday. "I think his words after the election were not well-chosen and caused a furor, but I think that he's made it clear what his record has been, what the facts are and what he wants to do."

Lott predicted the matter will be settled by the end of the week, "and I think he'll be fine."

Even so, Sen. George Allen of Virginia said Republican senators who won elections this year need to keep their "very, very important promise" to voters that President Bush's nominees are advanced through the Judiciary Committee and to the Senate floor for full consideration.

"It's important to have that leadership in the Judiciary Committee to effectuate that promise," said Allen, who chaired the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the past election cycle and was one of the leaders who met with Specter in Frist's office.

Conservative and religious leaders who led the pray-in protest said elevating Specter could jeopardize their support of GOP senators, including Frist, who are eyeing a White House run in 2008.

"It is a betrayal and a slap in the face to millions of pro-life Americans who helped re-elect this president," said Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition.

"Don't turn to us in four years when you want to run for president ... and expect us to contribute millions of dollars."

Campus News

Theater majors write; direct original play

By Sarah Ubry
Campus Writer

Some were skeptical. No one had ever attempted putting on a play that was written, produced, acted, run and promoted completely by students. But that all changed when Bob Allen, Rachael Mellor and Justin Bryan got together to discuss their senior capstone project.

"I kind of had the idea to do something different for capstone," Allen said.

So all three sat down and came up with the idea together.

"We wanted to do something that had never been done before," he said.

The idea was first thought up about a year ago. Their first idea for a project was to do an Odd Couple based play that Allen was writing. But when the script was presented to the faculty, they said no. So during the summer, while interning at the Huron Playhouse in Huron, Ohio, Allen wrote "Hold On."

"We went over it in August before school started, and we all really liked it," Mellor said.

This time when the script was read in the theatre department, everyone gave there input and said it could be done.

"Eileen, our advisor, was a bit skeptical maybe at first, but she agreed to letting us do this as long as we added some classic monologues at the end to complete the assignment," Mellor said.

The three each have their own individual duties for this project. Allen is the writer and director. Mellor is an actress, co-prop designer and in charge of the publicity for the play. Bryan is an actor, assistant director and co-prop designer.

All of them will be graded on the show in general, but Mellor and Bryan are required to write an analysis for their characters and Allen is writing a directorial analysis on the script. Besides writing these papers, they have also been keeping journals on their experiences.

The play "Hold On" is about a couple, Holden and Julie, who have just graduated from college and want to get married. But they are worried that Julie's over-protective father won't give them permission.

"Stuff builds up to a big surprise ending in act one, that changes the direction of the play," Allen said. "I can't tell you anymore or it will give it away."

Allen said that the play does have themes in it that deal with real life issues, such as family, friendships, relationships and some spiritual qualities.

Acting in the play with Mellor and Bryan is Mick Henninger, Tom Burkhart and Sarah Timm.

"I was originally supposed to be in it and Rachael was to direct but how the script came out of me, her part ended up being too big for her to also direct," Allen said.

Allen had written the script with himself in mind as the lead role so he had to find somebody who could fit the role like himself. His solution was Henninger.

He said he wrote the other parts with the actors that were chosen in mind.

"Bob wrote it and asked if I wanted to be in it," said Burkhart. "He needed someone to fill the role and I said I would do it."

Burkhart also said that everything is coming together nicely due to the hard work the cast and crew have been putting into the show.

Mellor agrees and hopes that other theater majors are inspired by their efforts.

"I think our play will set an example," she said. "People generally just do scenes, and now they will see that there is another option."

Allen said he thinks that it will be interesting for the campus to see what students can do for theatre arts.

"No one has ever done anything like this on the stage here," Allen said. "Students need to be motivated."

"Hold On" will be presented Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Beeghly Theater.

The three will present their monologues from the "Twelfth Night Abridged" for 15 minutes at the end of the play.

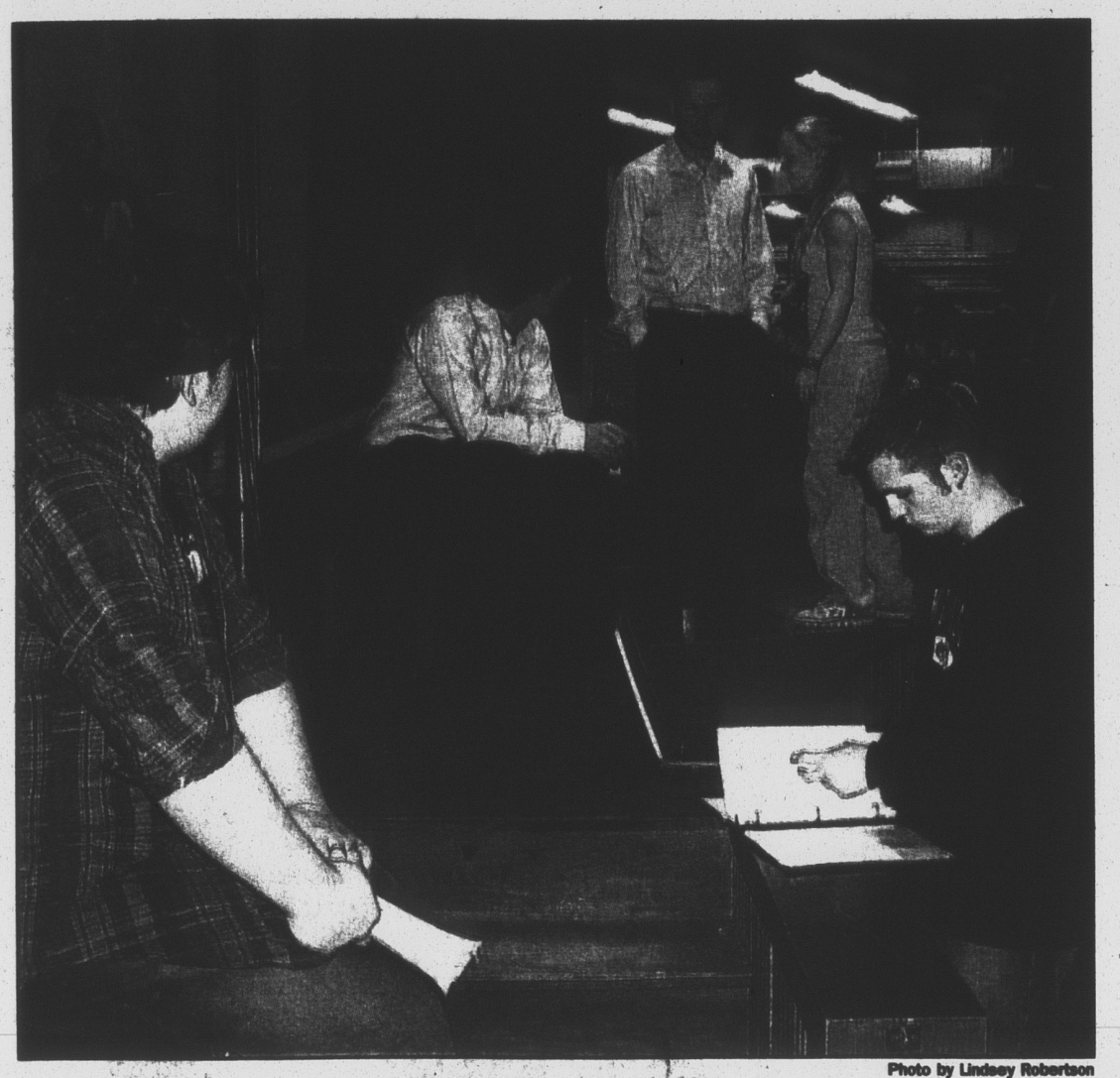

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Seniors Justin Bryan, Bob Allen and Rachael Mellor rehearse with sophomore Mick Henninger and junior Tom Burkhart for their original play, "Hold On," to be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Beeghly Theater.

Students compete in College Bowl

By Lindsay Jasinski
Campus Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 20, at 9 a.m. the Student Government Association will begin its annual fall College Bowl, held in the Berlin Student Lounge.

The College Bowl, which is open to all undergraduate students, is a contest in which students compete by answering trivia questions.

Students form teams of four, and the team with the highest number of points moves on to the next round. The rounds continue until the teams are narrowed down to the four top places.

"Cash prizes are given in the amounts of $300 for first place, $200 for second place, $100 for third place, and $50 for fourth place," said Colter McElree, SGA College Bowl chair. "The prizes are a good incentive for students to participate."

The trivia questions can cover any subject imaginable. Adam Hadbavney, a senior who participated in the College Bowl last year, said that the questions can be tricky, although they are not all hard.

"College Bowl was fun because you don't have to be a genius to know all the answers," said Hadbavny.

"The questions are worded so that they ask multiple questions in one single question, so you have to be on your toes waiting for the end of the question. If you answer too soon, you'll get it wrong because you'll have missed the last part." Hadbavny also said that it was interesting to play against his fellow classmates.

Students who participated in the College Bowl last year will know what to expect. Others, like Emily Gustkey, will be playing for the first time and may not be as prepared as the returning players.

"I'm really excited for the College Bowl," Gustkey said. "It's a good chance for students to show off their knowledge and compete against their friends. I'm also really excited about the possibility of winning money."

"A lot of cooperation and hard work goes into planning the College Bowl," SGA secretary Ian Durham said. "Many people have to collaborate their efforts in roder for the event to go on, but it's all worth it in the end."

SGA will be providing food for the event, free to all participants and anyone who comes to watch. There is no fee to sign up as a team, so students can enjoy the games without having to spend money.

Last year approximately 33 teams participated in the College Bowl. McElree said that he is expecting this year's College Bowl to be even more successful.

Registration

Spring courses undergo changes

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Another topic of concern for some students is online registration, which some hope will replace the long lines of traditional scheduling. However, Garner said the change is not possible with their 20-year-old computer system.

Kelly Mills, who is an intern in the registrar's office, has seen online registration at Slippery Rock University. "It makes advising a little more difficult," she said. "It's convenient, but not always."

Garner noted that with in-person registration, they were able to call in department chairs in order to help add new courses for freshmen where they were necessary, and to personally deal with students who were upset over the registration process.

"That's one thing Westminster takes pride in," Mills said, "is the personal relationships they create with their students."

Krutschnitt agreed on this issue. "I think online registration is going to have just as many problems, if not more. People are more sympathetic than computers."

Eat 'n' Park offers discount to local colleges

By Erin O'Donnell
Campus Writer

The slogan, "Eat'n Park's the place for smiles," now has double meaning for local college students. It is not just talking about the famous Smiley cookie anymore; it can apply to the faces of students when they get the new college discount.

The Grove City Eat'n Park has recently started giving a 10 percent discount to students of local colleges. The colleges that are allowed to use the discount are Grove City College, Slippery Rock University and Westminster College.

Students simply show their student identification cards when they are paying the bill and the deduction will be made.

This new promotion was implemented for this school year.

The management team at that Eat'n Park came up with the idea to help boost sales, and so far their idea has worked.

Although Chad Cole, assistant manger of the Eat'n Park, could not give any real numbers on how much the sales have gone up, he has seen an increase in the amount of students that eat in the restaurant.

"I think the prime time for college kids to come here is during the dinner hours," Cole said.

However, many people on campus do not know about this discount. The restaurant has flyers at the cash register, but the staff has not sent information to the students of the local colleges personally.

Cole feels that the best way to promote the discount is by word of mouth from students who have used it.

"I definitely did not know about the discount, but I will definitely be using it now when I'm shopping at the outlets," said junior Lindsay Painter.

Aside from coming in and eating a meal, students are going to Eat'n Park to grab a quick snack and studying, according to Cole.

"I'll be going over there now to study and snack when I need a break from being on campus," said senior Alison Altman.

According to Cole, the Grove City Eat'n Park is the first local one to start this discount. He is not sure if other Eat'n Parks will start this new discount because it is up to each Eat'n Park's management team to implement new savings or discounts for their particular site.

Luncheon series continues to enforce leadership abilities

By Rachel Brown
Campus Writer

Students gathered in MCC Club Room last Thursday afternoon to eat hamburgers and cookies, while gaining advice on leadership.

Twelve students attended the second LEAD luncheon of the semester to hear guest speaker Paige Sant, chapel office secretary, speak on the book "The F.I.S.H. Philosophy."

Sant worked 20 years in human resources before becoming a corporate coach. Through these experiences, Sant has acquired sound advice on her leadership, which she shared to students at the luncheon.

"It matters that we love what we do," Sant said.

Her advice went hand in hand with the book "The F.I.S.H. Philosophy."

The book tells the story of how the Seattle Pike Place Fish Market created an environment that their employees wanted to work in. Sant explained the four parts of the market's philosophy: play, make their day, be there, and choose your attitude.

"I thought the fourth part of the philosophy was the most important," said junior Elsbeth Dressing.

"It is easy to be negative, but if a leader has a good attitude, that attitude can be contagious."

Sant stressed the importance of being passionate about what you do in life.

Students at the luncheon took interest in Sant's advice due in large part to the atmosphere created at the luncheon.

"Paige was a really vivid speaker and a great storyteller," said sophomore Ashley Campolongo.

"The combination of that and the relaxed atmosphere at the luncheon made her advice easy to accept."

The LEAD Luncheons are open to all students who reply to the e-mail invitation administered by the Student Affairs Office.

Interested students can contact Molly Mistretta for details on how to attend.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 59 / Low 46	High 57 / Low 40	High 52 / Low 38	High 48 / Low 36	High 40 / Low 28	High 38 / Low 24	High 40 / Low 35
Occasional rain and drizzle	Mostly cloudy, maybe some rain	Clouds and sun	Cloudy, may rain late	Morning rain, then clouds	Partly sunny	Partly sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:15 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Sunday	7:16 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Monday	7:18 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Tuesday	7:19 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	2:12 p.m.	12:37 a.m.
Sunday	2:34 p.m.	1:47 a.m.
Monday	2:55 p.m.	2:54 a.m.
Tuesday	3:16 p.m.	3:59 a.m.
Wednesday	3:40 p.m.	5:05 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 4	Dec 11

Weather History

On Nov. 21, 1934, Denver, Colo., had its first snowstorm of the season, the latest ever for the first storm in that city.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	58	46	r	57	38	c	49	32	sh	44	30	sn	40	26	sn
Butler, PA	58	46	r	60	40	pc	50	35	sh	45	33	c	42	27	c
Cambridge, OH	63	48	r	60	40	pc	52	34	sh	45	29	c	43	27	c
Canton, OH	59	46	r	58	39	c	50	33	sh	44	30	c	40	26	sn
Cincinnati, OH	62	48	sh	58	40	c	52	32	pc	50	36	pc	48	36	c
Clarion, PA	54	47	r	57	39	pc	48	33	sh	43	30	c	40	25	sn
Clarksburg, WV	61	49	sh	63	40	pc	54	38	pc	51	33	c	46	26	sh
Cleveland, OH	60	48	r	56	39	c	48	33	sh	44	30	r	41	27	sn
Columbus, OH	62	48	r	61	41	c	51	33	pc	45	31	c	43	27	c
Cumberland, MD	57	48	sh	62	44	pc	55	38	pc	49	32	pc	45	27	c
Erie, PA	57	48	r	55	40	sh	44	32	sh	40	30	sn	44	32	r
Franklin, PA	55	47	r	56	37	pc	47	33	sh	42	31	sn	41	25	sn
Greensburg, PA	60	49	r	60	44	pc	55	37	sh	47	34	c	44	28	c
Greenville, PA	58	46	r	56	39	r	49	33	pc	42	31	sn	40	24	r
Grove City, PA	56	47	r	57	38	r	49	35	pc	44	32	c	42	25	r
Hagerstown, MD	55	48	sh	59	46	sh	57	38	pc	51	34	pc	49	29	c
Indiana, PA	59	50	r	59	44	pc	54	38	sh	46	35	c	44	28	c
Jamestown, NY	52	44	r	53	38	sh	44	32	sh	40	29	sf	37	23	sn
Kittanning, PA	59	49	r	60	43	pc	53	37	sh	46	35	c	44	28	c
Lisbon, OH	60	47	r	58	39	pc	50	33	pc	44	31	c	40	26	sh
Mansfield, OH	60	45	r	56	36	c	49	30	pc	43	28	sn	39	24	sn
Marietta, OH	64	50	sh	60	42	pc	54	38	sh	47	31	pc	45	27	c
McKeesport, PA	60	49	r	60	44	pc	56	36	sh	50	33	c	43	28	c
Meadville, PA	56	47	r	55	40	pc	47	32	sh	41	30	sn	40	25	sn
Morgantown, WV	62	50	sh	64	44	pc	56	38	pc	48	34	c	46	29	c
New Castle, PA	59	47	r	58	41	r	52	37	pc	47	35	c	41	28	r
Oil City, PA	55	48	r	57	39	pc	48	34	sh	43	32	c	41	25	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	60	48	r	61	40	c	54	36	sh	50	34	pc	42	26	c
Sharon, PA	59	46	r	57	39	r	50	34	pc	44	32	c	39	26	r
Somerset, PA	55	46	r	58	41	pc	48	35	sh	46	36	r	38	26	r
Steubenville, OH	61	48	r	58	41	pc	53	35	sh	47	31	c	43	26	c
Uniontown, PA	62	48	r	61	41	pc	54	36	sh	47	32	c	45	26	c
Warren, OH	59	47	r	58	39	pc	50	33	pc	42	31	sn	40	25	sh
Washington, PA	62	46	r	58	39	pc	52	33	sh	46	29	c	43	25	c
Waynesburg, PA	63	48	r	60	41	pc	53	35	sh	47	31	c	44	27	c
Wheeling, WV	60	48	r	57	41	pc	53	35	sh	48	31	c	43	26	c
Youngstown, OH	59	45	r	56	39	pc	50	33	pc	42	31	sn	39	26	sh
Wooster, OH	60	44	r	56	39	c	50	31	sh	44	29	c	38	25	sn
Zanesville, OH	61	49	r	61	38	pc	52	34	sh	45	29	c	44	26	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Sports

Men's soccer loses in second round of NCAA play

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

After receiving the bid to play in the NCAA Division III tournament, the Titans showed why they did receive it, as they defeated Pitt-Greensburg 1-0 in opening round action. This win by the Titans was the first ever win in the NCAA tournament in school history.

After a lack luster first half, the Titans were deadlocked with Pitt-Greensburg as both played to a scoreless tie. The score would remain that way until late in the second half when the game winner came off the foot of sophomore Blake Ordell.

The Titan defense would not relinquish this lead. The Titans outshot the Bobcats 18-6 in the contest as Freshman goalie Chris Passione made two saves in the victory.

With that win, the Titans were 16-4 overall and met up with Messiah College in round two of the tournament.

Unfortunately, Titans finally saw its amazing season come to an end at the hands of Messiah College by a score of 5-0. This tournament ending loss leaves the 2004 record at 16-5 for the Titans.

Messiah had a small 1-0 lead going into halftime and simply poured it on in the second half. The Titans were out shot 23-2 and were held to no corner kicks in the game. With their sixteen wins, the 2004 team has tied the school record for wins in a season, which was originally set in 2002. Congratulations to the Titans on a great season!

Swim teams both post wins over Allegheny

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Titan swimmers were in action this past weekend and both teams improved to 2-0 on their young seasons with a 148-83 decision for the men and a 140-91 victory for the ladies over Allegheny College.

The men were lead by triple winner, sophomore Ryan Trunk who won in both 100 and 200-meter freestyles.

He also swam anchor for the winning 400-meter medley relay.

Double winners for the men included senior Kevin Gesacion who won in the 50-meter freestyle and was also a member of the 400-meter freestyle team.

Sophomore Adam Rady was a winner in the 200 individual medley, and was also a member of the 400-meter freestyle team.

Freshman Tom Benoit took home first in the 500-meter freestyle and the 400-meter freestyle.

Lastly, sophomore Shaun McNamara competed on both first place relay teams.

For the ladies, it was sophomore Megan McLaughlin and freshman Becky Giles who were triple winners.

Both were winners in the 400-meter medley relay team. McLaughlin also won in the 50-meter freestyle and 500-meter freestyle, while Giles won both 200 IM and the 200-meter backstroke.

Sophomore Amy Wirtz joined the girls on the 400-meter medley team and also came in first in the 200-meter butterfly.

The teams travel to Wooster, Ohio this Saturday for a non-conference dual meet at the College of Wooster.

The end of an era...

As season closes with Waynesburg loss, team looks to future

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On a chilly November afternoon, the Titans 2004 football season came to a quiet end in an 18-13 loss to the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

In many ways, it was the end of an era for the Titan program.

And, no, despite the grumblings around campus, I'm not referring to the tenure of Head Coach Jerry Schmitt.

Scott Froelich ended softly on Saturday as he rushed 21 times for 67 yards.

Unlike so many Saturdays over the last four years, the Titans couldn't get their ground game going.

Froelich finishes his career with 4,903 yards rushing.

He is second on the all-time yardage list behind Titan great Brad Tokar, who gained 5,269 yards in the late 80s.

Froelich finishes his career third on the career rushing touchdowns list. His 37 puts him behind Andy Blatt (56) and Tokar (45).

Maybe then, it is appropriate that Froelich ends his career on a tough day.

Maybe then, that tough afternoon forced us to be reminded of the special play we've seen from him for four years.

There are the sharp cuts, turning losses into long streaking gallops. There are the halfback options—the times he threw for touchdowns instead of running for them.

There's the 200-yard days when he took 30 carries and kept on bruising.

It's all there. On Saturday, it wasn't, but that's okay. Bad days happen; ask Joe Paterno that much.

And, strangely enough, for Titan fans, Froelich wasn't the only Titan legend seeing his last Saturday.

Wide receiver Brian Ekis also played his final game.

Ekis finished the day with five catches for 54 yards and a lone touchdown.

He ends his career with 125 receptions for 1,994 yards. He ranks in the top three in both categories.

He will be remembered among the likes of Dave Foley, Matt Dvorsak and Brian Lipiello.

The Titans wrap up the 2004 campaign with a 5-5 record. In many ways, the program stands at a crossroads.

In the off-season or in August camps, it is imperative for the Titans to establish an identity early and regain a seemingly forgotten swagger.

With the losses of Froelich, Ekis, and the entire senior class, for that matter, that rediscovery just got a lot harder.

Titan fans look forward to the 2005 season and for the next great player to step up to start a new era.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Quarterback J.R. Barley evades an attempted shoelace-tackle by a Waynesburg player in last week's close game. The Titans lost to Waynesburg 18-13.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Hoop Dreams

Dom Joseph looks to pass the ball off as Pat O'Connor guards him during the Blue vs. White scrimmage on Monday night.

Lady Titans optimistic about 2004-05 season

On paper, the situation for the Westminster women's basketball team looked somewhat bleak heading into last year. However, as the old axiom goes, the games aren't played on paper.

Fortunately for Westminster, where others saw inexperience and weakness, Scott and second-year assistant coach Katie Miller saw strength and opportunity. Working with one of the youngest teams in the program's history, Scott led the 2003-04 Lady Titans to an overall mark of 15-11, including a 7-3 mark and second-place regular season finish in the PAC. The season culminated with the team earning the first postseason berth in the program's history, as the Lady Titans were selected to the ECAC Division III South Region Tournament.

While the Lady Titans dropped a heartbreaking 55-53 decision at Lebanon Valley in the ECAC opening round, it did little to dampen the positive steps the program took during the season. In fact, according to Scott that loss, coupled with an identical 55-53 loss to Washington & Jefferson in the PAC Tournament semifinals, has provided tremendous motivation for the returning players in the Lady Titan program heading into the 2004-05 campaign.

"To lose both of those (season-ending) games by two points in identical scores, it really left a bad taste in our mouths," said Scott. "The end result has been the team members continually pushing each other and working hard, both in the off-season and in early practices. From last year to this year, they got a taste of the kind of team they could become, so now our goal is clear: winning the PAC Championship."

Unlike a year ago, the cupboard is hardly bare for the Lady Titans entering the 2004-05 campaign. All five starters return, as well as three other letterwinners. In addition, Scott and Miller have added another strong freshman class with five newcomers.

"The key for us this season will be on the defensive side, creating turnovers to pick up the tempo of the game," Scott explained. "We have the ability and quickness to run the floor, while our inside-outside game will be critical in winning games."

An experienced and talented four-player senior class will provide leadership this winter, led by All-PAC First Team forward Erica Tallo. Tallo needs less than 100 points to become the sixth 1,000-point scorer in the program's history. She also currently ranks fourth all-time in rebounding at the College with 698 career caroms.

Tallo is joined in the starting lineup by a pair of classmates in forward Mary Jane Eaton and point guard Alyson Gasper. Eaton, an All-PAC honorable mention selection a year ago, averaged 7.9 points and was second on the team with 6.3 rebounds per game despite standing just 5-7. Gasper averaged 8.0 points, a team-high 4.6 assists and a PAC-high 3.3 steals per game. Rounding out the senior class is forward Erin Morrow, who averaged 3.8 ppg off the bench a year ago.

With no juniors on the squad, six sophomores comprise the rest of the returnees, led by shooting guard Desiree Sterling. An All-PAC Second Team selection who was also the 2003-04 PAC Freshman of the Year, Sterling was second on the team in scoring as a rookie while leading the squad with 28 three-pointers.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Tom's Titan Winter Sports Preview

The fall season has come to an end once again. Yes, I know time flies. To me, it seems like we just got on campus to start a new year.

With the fall season ending, winter sports will be in full swing once again. Swimming and men's and women's basketball have all begun preparations for the season ahead.

I encourage all of you to make it to as many winter sports events as you can. All four of these programs are outstanding. Men's and Women's swimming are powerhouses among PAC opponents. Women's basketball always has a solid showing and the Men's team is the returning PAC champion.

We'll take a look at swimming first. The men's team thus far has proved that they are a force to be reckoned with in not just the PAC but NCAA division 3. They have decimated opponents this season already, who were thought to be of the same caliber. What is most impressive was the 113-93 win over Division 2 Ashland. One week later, the Titan swimmers posted the highest point total in Coach Klamut's career here as head coach. The men defeated the Alleghany Gators with an impressive score of 148-83. From a personal standpoint, I feel a PAC championship for the Men right around the corner, if this strong showing continues.

Along with the men, the Lady Titan swimmers have without a doubt held their own. They start the season 2-0 after two impressive victories of Division 2 Ashland and a strong Allegheny team. For the Lady Titans, sophomore Megan McLaughlin and freshman Becky Giles were both triple-winners on Saturday against Alleghany. Along with the men, it seems that the women will be able to breeze through their opponents, making their way to a PAC title this season.

Not only in swimming, is there a PAC championship within grasp. For the men's and women's basketball team, this is a very obtainable goal this season. The men and women were both recently picked to finish second. The men are picked second behind Bethany and the Women are placed one spot behind Washington and Jefferson. This season will be one that won't disappoint.

Both teams should be right in the hunt for a PAC title. The men return all five starters from last season. Without a doubt, they should be the favorite team to win the PAC.

However, not everyone agrees with me. The women may have their hands full with an excellent President's basketball team. They have to prove only to themselves they are the best team in the PAC.

Once again, I encourage all of you to make it to as many winter sporting events. This sports season will be one that will not disappoint.

All four teams have a legitimate chance of becoming Kings or Queens on the PAC and making their way into the NCAA Division 3 playoffs.

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Arts & Entertainment

I think I think too much: A cornucopia of thoughts

Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

What possessed the guy who sang "Jump" to hop in the back of an ambulance in a non-patient capacity? And, more importantly, what possessed the guy at the EMT headquarters to say "okey-dokey?"

This week, admittedly, is full of randomness. But isn't that, like, the word of the year? And since Thanksgiving is next week, and that cornucopia-thing is usually associated with Turkey Day, a random cornucopia of rants and ramblings feels mighty appropriate.

Do you remember the lyric "things that make you go hmm?" My two very different subjects this week will do just that.

First, former Van Halen front man, ladies' man, man's man, and man about town, David Lee Roth has been training to be a paramedic in New York City. If you're like me when I first read about this, you're probably thinking: "jigga what?"

What possessed the guy who sang "Jump" to hop in the back of an ambulance in a non-patient capacity? And, more importantly, what possessed the guy at the EMT headquarters to say okey-dokey?

Okay, maybe that's a little unfair. We don't know that Diamond Dave isn't the best darn paramedic this side of the Mason-Dixon Line. In fact, according to the article on MSNBC.com, he's already been on more than 200 ambulance rides. He even saved the life of a heart attack victim with his skills with a defibrillator.

If he is serious about this endeavor, I do have to give the guy a lot of credit. Being a paramedic is no easy job, especially in a fun town like the Big Apple.

I have to wonder, though, what, if any, ulterior motive lays in this. I mean, this is the guy who was one of the poster children for decadence in the '80s. Did he finally realize, at 50 years old, that life isn't all sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll?

And really, did we expect David Lee Roth to retire quietly with a cute blonde on a ranch in Colorado? Not at all. Homey don't play that.

I'm going to put on my psychology thinking cap for a minute here (please, psychology majors, don't flog me), and hypothesize that maybe he's trying to achieve some kind of semblance to a normal life before it's too late.

He's been a rock star, done the party scene, and perhaps it's time to do something regular. Like become a paramedic. Not that being a paramedic is that ordinary. I watch ER. I know what's up. Those people do extraordinary stuff.

I think only time will tell with this one. I'd like to hope that Dave sticks it out, becomes the best darn ambulance guy he can be, and makes a legitimate difference in the world. Not that his vocals on "Hot for Teacher" didn't make a legitimate difference.

Now, the second thing that made me think a little, and in the end, made my brain really hurt, was the "poem" that Britney Spears supposedly wrote about her honeymoon. And I use the word poem very lightly here.

I'm an English major; we can normally at least appreciate poetry. But come on. Have you seen this crap? "A meal, a shower and some ice cream/Then I threw my man down, you know what I mean!"

My mom teaches second grade, and I'm sure there are kids in her class that could write something better. Britney, dear, you're supposed to be a songwriter, right? How are we, your public, going to buy into that if you give us nonsense like that? Stop the madness, please.

I think Britney has reached that point where she has that stigmatism attached to her, in the same vein as Hanson or the Spice Girls. People are now feeling guilty, more that before, I guess, for liking her and buying the greatest hits album. I would say that there isn't anything wrong with liking cheesy pop music, but we have to draw the line somewhere. And Mrs. Ferderline, you're it.

"Hmm."

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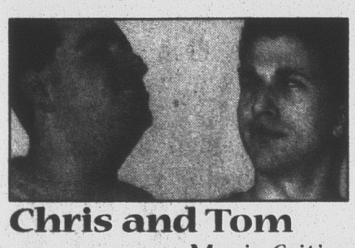
Chris and Tom catch a ride on the Polar Express



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Why is this movie becoming one of the biggest failures in recent history? Has Tom Hanks lost his box office clout? (Dr. Mitchell would hope so!) Was a snow-less November too early for a Christmas movie?

At least Pixar can breathe a slight sigh of relief. Barring that the SpongeBob SquarePants movie is a masterpiece, they can add another Oscar to their shelves.

Why? The Polar Express bombed! From the opening last Wednesday, The Incredibles outperformed The Polar Express every day.

At this point it doesn't even look like Warner Brothers will make back the near $150 million they spent on the film.

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It is too early to pinpoint even a few reasons for the seemingly doomed Polar Express, but what is certain is that the movie is neither as good as some critics are praising or as bad as others are condemning.

The Polar Express is a faithful adaptation of the children's picture book. The film, at times, strays from the book to add excitement or the occasional hit-or-miss song and dance number. The story follows a young boy, losing faith in the spirit of Christmas.

Enter the magical Polar Express train, which takes the boy, along with several other children, to see Santa Claus before he leaves for his Christmas Eve trip.

On the way our hero meets a strong young girl, a mysterious bum, an impoverished boy, and the most annoying character in a movie this year. Quite possibly ever. He's known in the credits as Know-It-All.

The film is animated beautifully, most of the time. Specifically the background scenes stand out, which are perfect at all times. They are lavish and colorful, yet dull when the mood of the film calls for it.

Most memorable is the North Pole scene, in which Santa's town looks like something a Russian artist might produce, proving once again director Robert Zemeckis is a Red. (That's a joke)

On the other hand the animation of the people is sometimes quite distracting, with children walking around like toy-soldiers and the Train Conductor shuffling across the ground.

Probably the worst scenario comes with the poor boy, who runs like Charlie Chaplin's tramp on crack.

There's not much to be said for acting in this movie. Not because it is an animated film, but because Tom Hanks does nearly every role. From the Hero Boy (he even supplies the voice, merged with actor Daryl Sabara), Santa, the Bum, The Train Conductor, the Dad, a Scrooge puppet. That might be it. We don't know for certain.

Michael Jeter had his last performance in this film, but since his voice is rarely used we can't be certain who he was. At least Tom Hanks wasn't the voice of the Hero Girl.

This hero brings up another somewhat problem with The Polar Express. The movie features her as the sole minority in the film.

While it isn't necessary to force diversity into a movie, she stands out so much that it seems like she must have earned some special award to be recognized by this white only Santa.

No elves, children, or even workers on the train come close to anything but pure white. What this does is start a somewhat reverse racial stereotype.

Young black women can be dominating leaders, but that's it. They don't have any other place in this world.

That doesn't really work either, especially since that seems to be the only minority allowed.

Despite the problems the movie does work most of the time. However it absolutely must be remembered that this is a children's story.

Unlike The Incredibles or Shrek, which appeal to adults with subtle sex jokes or references to more adult topics, The Polar Express is aimed directly at kids. Older kids-at-heart can enjoy the movie too, but Zemeckis is never winking at you.

He uses more suspenseful, action paced scenes that involve "roller-coaster" type peril to fill in time gaps left from the book.

What results is a rather exciting story for children, which adults can enjoy too.

Don't expect too much from The Polar Express.

The themes of friendship, faith, and leadership are new and revolutionary to young children but to adults they are merely a reminder for adults, especially us college students that tend to lose sight of those concepts.

But for children it will likely be worth the experience.

Can you get over that hump? Some can and some can't. Like us.

Tom can't quite as much, so The Polar Express gets a B-.

Chris can give in a little, which bumps the film up to a B+.

That's a B average for the non-math majors.

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Eminem's new album not worthy of "Encore"

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Music Writer

Chronicling Eminem's five-year career has been a little like watching someone go through court-ordered therapy.

When we first met the patient in 1999 on "The Slim Shady LP," he was an unrepentant, smart-aleck punk who spewed vile and shocking raps that hinted at darker, unresolved issues.

A year later, "The Marshall Mathers LP" showed the patient making progress in addressing those underlying problems - drug use, a destructive relationship with his mother and wife, and homophobia - but still spiraling out of control.

Then 2002's "The Eminem Show" finally featured our patient confronting his painful demons, and demonstrating a willingness to move on.

Though the soap opera of Eminem's life has been interesting enough, what's kept us coming back for updates were his deliciously demented rhymes that alternated between Howard Stern-like humor to Howard Hughes-like despair.

Now that he's almost approached sanity, will we still be as entertained?

The answer is as schizophrenic as his new album, "Encore."

Though it does provide some of the warped wit and juvenile humor that's made us laugh and wince over the years, it also features a lot of pondering: introspective soliloquies that resemble an off-Broadway monologue instead of an irreverent class clown.

"Father please forgive me for I know what I do, I just never had the chance to meet you, therefore I did not know that I would grow to be, my mother's evil seed and do these evil things," he warbles ominously on the first track, "Evil Deeds," where he once again complains about his absent father, troubled childhood and now even more troubled adulthood.

Even he seems to know the shtick is old, and anticipates the groans from the listener with the line "woe is me, there goes poor Marshall again, whining about his millions and his mansion and his sorrow he's always drowning in."

But that doesn't stop the track from coming off like another celebrity whine.

Eminem also takes time out to explain the "n-word" controversy that never really threatened his career, but slightly tainted his street credibility.

In "Yellow Brick Road," more of a one-sided interview than a rap, he does manage to apologize, but then offers a litany of excuses for his teenage racism - being picked on as the only white kid in an all-black neighborhood, the black girl who dissed him, the militant old-school rap group X-Clan.

But anyone who followed that whole saga already got that explanation in XXL magazine.

Why rehash it, particularly with surprisingly average rhymes?

Then there's the maudlin "Like Toy Soldiers," in which Eminem agonizes over the 50 Cent-Ja Rule beef he was pulled into last year.

After spending so much time on mixtapes carving up Ja Rule, it seems a little strange to hear him now worry about the damage it may have done to the rap community.

And it may be a little unsettling to Eminem fans to hear him sound so contrite:

"Even though the battle was won, I feel like we lost it, I spent so much energy on it, honestly I'm exhausted."

After all, the old Eminem took delight in flipping off people, why is he sorry about it now?

It makes you feel as if your favorite fighter has gotten a bit soft.

That's when the album reveals its split personality. "Mosh" is an angry attack on President Bush, which sounds a little dated postelection. But it is still a fierce political statement most other artists would be too fearful to make.

Eminem's obsession with ex-wife Kim continues, too. There's the self-explanatory rant "Puke," but also "Crazy in Love," in which he breaks down why he's still obsessed with her.

Even better is the mellow "Mockingbird," Eminem's love letter to daughter Hailie, where he paints a more three-dimensional portrait of Kim, the struggling mother overcome by poverty, relationship problems and substance abuse:

" ... Papa was a rolling stone, mama developed a habit, it happened too fast for either one of us to grab it."

Still, the most entertaining tracks on the album are the ones where he's less cerebral and more comedic.

Fans of "Just Lose It," will be happy to know there are more Michael Jackson digs for the Gloved One to have seizures over.

There's also the wildly silly "Big Weenie," and "... Like That," a tribute to Beyonce-like booties that also features his hilarious imitation of one-time Eminem nemesis Triumph the Insult Comic Dog.

Yes, in the rap world, puppets can spark feuds too.

It's these tracks that reveal why this patient has transfixed for so long.

It's not the Jerry Springer-like content, but the flourishes of genius neatly disguised in sardonic rhymes, angry rants and shocking, yet thought-provoking prose.

But those qualities seem to ebb the more

Eminem drifts towards Oprah-style normalcy.

Here's hoping he never quite reaches it.

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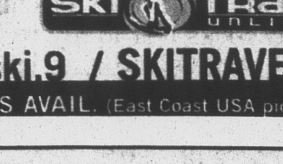

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Mini-Scrawl 2004

Scrawl is Westminster's annual literary magazine which accepts submissions of poetry, prose, fiction, non-fiction, artwork and short plays. Since the magazine does not come out until May, Mini-Scrawl offers the campus a little "preview" of what will appear in Scrawl. These are all the submissions we received - they were not specially selected.

Students, faculty and staff may submit to Scrawl at any time during the year by e-mailing work to Serah Stauffer at stauffsh@westminster.edu. For questions or comments, you may also contact Jarrod Takah or Sandy Edmiston.

Untitled
By Jaimee Davis

Y pienso en tú — And I think of you

Two swan heads bowed
Both left
In seamless harmonization
Peach fuzz feathers
Likewise necks
Los abrazos en el amor – — The embraces in love
Y pienso en tú — And I think of you
Y tu cuello — And your neck

Babbling brook
Opalescent lines of watery rococo
Darting legs, tiny vestiges of life
My legs dangle from the arch
Of the humble bridge
Las libertades del amor – — The freedoms of love
Y pienso en tú — And I think of you
Y tus pies — And your feet

Stalwart crimson creaking
Of the cellar door
Nostalgic references of lines past:
Of all the endless combinations
The most beautiful
La idioma del amor – — The language of love
Y pienso en tú — And I think of you
Y tu belleza — And your beauty

Brash hymnody of the carillon
Cracks open the silent sky
While into the tidy pews
Flee a hurried congregation
To their pious place
La fe del amor – — The faith of love
Y pienso en tú — And I think of you
Y tu misticismo callado — And your quiet mysticism

Up ahead two lovers meet
Greet, bow their heads, embrace
Shivering sight of man and wife
Deemed the only right
They take each other's hands
La cierre del amor – — The clasp of love
Y pienso en tú — And I think of you
Y tus manos — And your hands
Y donde pienso en tú — And when I think of you
Sé que tú eres el amor — I know that you are love
Y tus pies y tu cuello y toda — And your feet and your neck
and everything
Reverently mystical and beautiful
The unifying – tú y yo. — you and me

Untitled
By Elaine Blevins

for all women and one in particular

beautiful,
it is shameful that you are cliche:
how else can I tell her that
she is full of beauty?
how else can I say that
her intellect makes me
bow,
that her strength is resounding,
or that in her I have seen
a million moons sparkling?
how can I make her believe me
when I say
that her Voice always
deserves respect, and
especially her "no,"
with no qualification
ever
needed?
how can I make her believe
that she Never deserves
bad things,
because there are some things
that No One deserves?
beautiful,
you
roll swiftly off her
as soon as I toss you her way.
For her,
you Must
be reclaimed.

Untitled
By Jaclyn Welsh

Waiting in this ghoulish mile,
As I sit back and smile,
At all the things in this plane,
Even the drops of falling rain.

I laugh at the chaos and disorder,
As these angels attack the border,
Trying to find their way to me,
To know the things they cannot see.

I fall into this quiet breeze,
While my body feels at ease,
The battle is over at this time,
But the war is a better crime.

The evil of this world is strong,
But this damned war wages on,
Farther in the brinks of space,
As it fills this entire place.

I am the leader of them all,
The strong, the pure, the ones that fall,
I point them into the direction I choose,
For their lives they will always loose.

The weapons of this age might be new,
But nothing has changed for our few,
The destruction will always be there,
Even when restoration takes its share.

As the smoke is cleared,
We see what we've feared,
Bodies litter the ground,
Some are missing, some are found.

But in the end everything is the same,
There is no glory, happiness, or fame,
Nothing is left on this plane,
Nothing at all but the rain.

Untitled
By Elaine Blevins

I have not felt the dancing lately—
only rocks tied to my feet and trudging.
The sunrise and I, no longer acquainted—
once gorgeous,
now a signal for either
sickness or sleep,
bright days aching my eyes
and I have lost
me.

But I know the secret of the rabbits
that scurry beneath the fog's murk at 3 am,
who are revealed only for a second by my
passing headlights.
I have seen the blind man
who walks the streets of downtown New Castle
in the silent safety of 4 am no cars
except my own.
The moon remembers me—
I still sing to her though she hears in me
the difference,
saw the same shift that Evann did,
and she dances in the clouds to make me smile
and is still
when I yearn for stability.
She sees everything crumble—
almost everything
but the thing hiding small
deep behind my
eyes.

A Lesson Out of Many
By Akesha Joseph

I sit here on my bed wondering if I should make the call
Will it lead to what I am looking for? Or will it just run me into another wall?

All I wanted to know is what went wrong, if this can't be right,
Then can someone please tell me why the attraction is so strong!

It's not as if I'm looking for something special, extravagant, or unique
I just need some understanding, a little insight or a peak!

I guess is true some things are just not meant to be.
I'm trying my hardest and it just leads me to greater complexity

But then again, At times complexity can lead to greater outcomes,
Is this that time or does that only apply to some?

Now I can only wonder, what was the purpose of my past yet present situation,
The answer was in my first intuition.

The book talks about being unequally yoked
it's a crying shame that we have to be reminded that God's word is none to joke

I've always had intense teachings on knowing
what God's desires are, I have handled greater situations by far.

Now I find myself wishing things would have turned out differently
yet knowing it was for the best, I'm believing it was just one of those God given test.

So on my knee I close my eyes and say
"Lord I wasn't certain through this I could last, but as you promised every time, with your help I was able to pass."

Mini-Scrawl 2004

Untitled
By Jaimee Davis

The giant mountain sighed
Its heavy shoulders and breathed
A beckoning to thirty-three of us
Estranged, rejected, billowing about
On a red
orange
yellow
b r e e z e
like birds with broken wings
hobbling teetering squawking
long after the flock has left for winter

I too heard the gentle call—
summons on a rainy day
not knowing then the impact
of following something on blind faith
at first a hesitance…
over-stimulus! grappling with her:
the only rule is to listen and accept

we played the old game
make ourselves lost
who knew that road led to the water gap:
The Most Gorgeous View
My eyes danced about the mountains and told my feet
to Skip down to the sandy shore
Grounded in sand
the earth could sink my feet and rise
up between them
calling my name in the wind
I looked steeply above me
Tall grandeur of the tree-covered Poconos
Red orange green violet daffodil-coloured sprouts of inner radiance
A reminder of the beauty that lies beneath

Sodden wavespray in the wind
grabbing her by her hand
Shoving a seashell into her palm
(who knew those existed inland?)
sharp intaking breaths of wind
the mountain's magickal spirit
and both of us
cloudshadow sunray mountainbreath struck
on the Jersey shore
(we'd never been THERE before!)

TOOT! TOOT !
the sudden screaming call and
the box cars came racing by
Not the Norfolk and Southern
except they were
and my grandfather stepped out of the beyond
and waved his conductor's cap
a special delivery type of day
the only way to take in the view
HE SPOKE VOLUMES
love to grandma and mom
wellwishes healthwishes
hugs and kisses
instant rebirth of my gift of tears
my grandpa and me and she and
the omnipotent acceptance choked my heart

she felt it, too! oh she did
and he knew
and he blessed me
what a glorious day!
and that train how it flew on by
I stop and wonder,
Did anyone else see the train too?

seventy-five cents left from the lady who needed change
you think it LUCK I had cash?
when any given day I'm broke

they say the mountain
it casts its call
and brings you there
knowing or not
granting wishprayers heartsongs
happy completeness
and I glow~
our secret
of my mountain call.

Memory
By Jarrod Takah

And I'm sure it's nothing new so the discussion returns now to the fall. In the twilight moonrise, I notice as the leaves act as wounded reminders of the summer heat. They are diseased by disillusion, because even leaves foreclose to death and dusk. I explore myself—words become mirrors because symbols can't become anything. They simply imagine. In the broken silver blue midnight, the brook at the field's edge offers a quiet lamentation to the night sky—hysterical nude starvation in the negro streets, acid-tripping through the cosmos. Flat-backed, I count the stars, acknowledging the creek's arguments, counting, getting lost, thinking of baseball and sea change and the girl—I forget her name—that made love to me with her socks on. Love: inexactly simplistic, lifting the hands, lowering the hands. I remember her fleshy-bronze stomach—I call it terracotta—at once tan and geographical. I remember the untamed rich brown mole near the nipple of her left breast. Quietly, with my small, indignant thumb, I'd play God and make the mole disappear. In fall, I'm reminded that loss has many colors—the color of loss is knowledgeable—falling—without complaint. Words, then, become mirrors and love, then, becomes androgyny. I await the return of the memory of the name of the girl I've forgotten. Her name—simple words—escapes, but I remember her mole, wishing she wore no socks.

Untitled
By Kristen Etzel

Dots dance across a patterned gown.
Draped over,
your tiny tired body.
Gently resting,
like tissue paper origami.
Creases change,
the pattern flows like ocean waves with each movement.
Your body shifts every so often and evenly spaced.
like dominoes waiting to tumble.
In the hospital bed,
in the hospital room
the unforgiving, the unchanging
where you wait.
Rain collects like crystal jewels outside the window–
you think of mom's special earrings and
how they dangle and snuggle the side of her neck.
You think of love,
as the raindrops roll down slowly.
Closing those tiny eyes,
your mind hits rewind for each day spent
in a dotted hospital gown,
in an unforgiving bed.
You know it is easy to drown in fury…
to fall like rain drops,
into a puddle of sorrow,
to slowly race towards nothing.
And now the sun comes out,
squinting eye brightness
makes your room hopeful.
But you never needed sun to change things,
you've been hopeful all along.

Untitled
By Shelby Nester

What are thee like?
Are thee like the shy with its lights and
Start that caress the night heavens
And touch the lands with its swirls and
Ever changing forms.
Nay, though are not the sky
For the sky belongs to any and all
and hides it's darkness and danger
behind its ornate and hollow lights
No, not the sky
What of rose then?
The rose posses beauty, elegance, charm
And give all of its sweetness in a single smell
No, thou are far better than a rose
For a rose gives its sweetness only momentarily
Then withers and blackens
Showing it's many thorns-
Thou are far above the rose
Are the like the buck then?
For the buck imposing,
Muscle clad, built for strength, speed
And defense for his mate
No, thou are not like the buck
For the buck is timid and runs from
Even my gentlest touch
Thou are superior to the buck
If not thee sky, nor rose, or buck
What are thee then?
You are you.
For nothing on earth nor in the sea nor
In the celestial sphere above can
Alone compare to the sweetness, love, strength
Honor and loyalty that you posess.

Evergreen Eyes
By Sarah Engler

The flaming sun falls with heroic splendor.
Her eyes are starred with ash-black lashes.
The ancient warrior has failed to engender
The inspiration I need to reveal my resolve.

We weave aimlessly through the skeletal trees.
Her irises are immortally green, like pine needles.
We brace against the bitter cold breeze,
And I know there is still time to tell her.

Her eyes glisten impetuously in the failing light,
Distantly hazy, like insubstantial ghosts.
Expectantly she watches me in the faded night,
Waiting for me to utter those long-subdued words.

The words are clambering up my throat;
Her gaze is implacable and poisonously green.
Distractedly I fiddle with the collar of my coat
And the eager words dissolve, unspoken in the breeze.

Her distracting eyes have always connived to steal my voice away.
Her cat-eyes shine hungrily, anticipating my every thought…
But then— her unexpected smile encourages me to say
That even though her eyes distract me,
I care about her in every way.

Fall
By Jarrod Takah

Like the sea influenced
by the measure of the moon
the seasons change.
Clouds carry the afternoon,
blanketing the sky, but
that's been said before.
I believe in God again;
leaves, like landed stars
in red and yellow intimations,
provide prosody to low tide and loss.
Within the wind, they wear
relentlessness.

I imagine myself a child—
my hands again small and my
smile again wide. Under
the Herculean maple, planted
by my great grandfather, in the field,
Sophocles, the Great Bull,
idles and rages.
My brother and I gather leaves
as if we are chipmunks,
insulating against winter's
cruel stagnation.
All that emerges from the world
is loss and it is nothing new.

It is my father I remember
calling us from the field.
I see his weakening shoulders
and his scraggly auburn beard.
Nomadically,
the redwoods ache skyward
and the dogwood leaves bleed,
telling of war. I'm not a child
and I tell of dead soldiers as
if a wind escapes a window,
entertaining a breeze, writing
the litany of omnipotence
with unwarranted blood.
Gathering—
the sound of unfurled indigo.

Untitled
By Elaine Blevins

serendipitous mountain,
your granting of wishes is no folklore,
but is proven
even in me.
heartwishes
the spoken and unknown
flower like the daffodils we planted at Thor's Gate.
from her desire for the acceptance of her family
came a meeting with her late grandfather
as he passed through New Jersey on a train
running parallel to the river
and to us—
as our breaths became lost at the sight of
ourselves gliding on the ocean
at the trough of a wave,
as if the orangeredyellow-leaved trees
were saltwater about to crash
over our heads
or perhaps glide under our bobbing
bodies, enslaved lovingly by the tide
of color
and cloudshadow
and Earth.

and in me lay a prayer for connection
of myself to an older self,
an acceptance of a girl
hiding since fourteen from a world
of silence and the inhumane.
you must have whispered him the words, mountain,
as he reached his astral fingers through
bone and blood and flesh
into my heart
and shattered it,
pulling out of me the rejection and the thankfulness
of my foster-child past self,
making her a part of me and leaving
the broken heart casings to traverse freely
throughout my body as i stood
sobbing by the mushroom grove
while he held me.

and my sparkling Teacher of love and of light
will be a foster parent, too
opening her doors after hearing my words—
i can see all of the kids that will love her
i have met them and been them
and prayed that she would come—
i prayed for love for them

and you, our mountain, hear our praise
and disown it, saying
we are all functioning members of the universe
and the light is bidirectional
breathing
into us and exhaling out of us
as it glimmers into the moonlight at which we howl
and into the reflection of the sun as it passes
over the tarn
and into our eyes as dulled eyes learn again
to be joyous
and into our pockets
to nuzzle against the faith and the stars.

CALENDAR

November 19, 2004
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8 PM Amnesty International's Jamnesty — MCC Club
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
November 20, 2004
7:30 AM PRAXIS National Teacher Exams — Patterson Hall 112
10 AM - 8 PM SGA College Bowl — MCC Club/Lounge
3 PM Student Voice Recital: Amanda Ventrone — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Hold On, Senior Capstone project — Beeghly Theater
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
10 PM Vans Leave for Night Owl Bowling — MCC Front Entrance (Shaw Hall side)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
November 21, 2004
3 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
7 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311
9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
November 22, 2004
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9 PM Monday Night Football: New England at Kansas City — MCC Club
9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
November 23, 2004
Last Meal Before Break: Lunch in Galbreath
November 24 - 27, 2004
THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 28, 2004
First Meal After Break: Dinner in Galbreath
2 PM Residence Halls Open
4:30 PM Orchard Street Cafe Opens — McKelvey Campus Center
7 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
November 29, 2004
CLASSES RESUME
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
5 PM - 6:30 PM Signups for FCA Flag Football — MCC Orchard Street Cafe (thru Dec. 3)
9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9 PM Monday Night Football: St. Louis at Green Bay — MCC Club
9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting — Patterson 113
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
November 30, 2004
5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230
5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255
7 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: In the Mood for Love, Hong Kong, 2000 — MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Horn Ensemble Concert — Orr Auditorium
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
December 01, 2004
11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Tad Grieg, "The Rehearsal Classroom: Providing Tools for Musical Construction" — MCC Mueller Theater
4:40 PM Children's Literature Book Discussion: Hoot by Carl Hiassen — Mugsies
6 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228
7 PM Career Center Corporate Information Session: NVR/Ryan Homes — TC 314
7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9 PM Stargazing (weather permitting) — Roof of Hoyt Science Center
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
December 02, 2004
1:30 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116
4 PM "Good News" Video Discussion Group — MCC Mueller Theater
5 PM Seekers Executive Council Meeting — MCC 352
5:30 PM College Republicans — Patterson 231
6:30 PM Phi Delta Kappa Dinner Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 352
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

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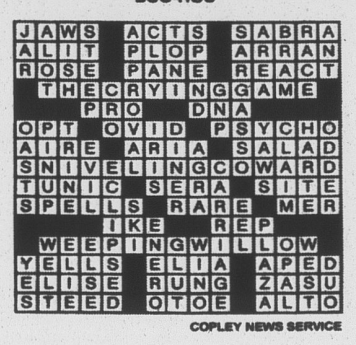

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Inquisitiveness spurs you on in a search for knowledge and understanding. Do not stop until you have uncovered the desired answers.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A recent financial shortage ends with positive change or improvements. Come to terms with previous losses and begin to rebuild your budget.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Do not make the mistake of taking an important relationship for granted. Find a way to enhance communication and stay emotionally connected.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You will get a lot further down the road of success with a viable business plan in hand. Avoid rushing blindly into a professional venture or situation.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Resign from passing judgment on your friends or associates without just cause or proof of concerns. Keep in mind, we are all innocent until proven guilty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Spending time alone is good for your emotional, mental and spiritual well-being. Get centered and enjoy a sense a calm or peace of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Show interest and receptivity to the important ideas or lessons shared by your peers or siblings. Keep an open mind and you will benefit greatly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take your time and think before leaping on a fiscal opportunity this week. Read the fine print on a binding document before signing your name.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): An imprudent or risky action provides fuel for gossip or rumor. Do your best to plan carefully and avoid embarrassing moments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Make a conscious effort to tie up loose ends this week. Set your sights on entering a new cycle or phase of experience with a clean slate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The wisdom of many will always outweigh the wisdom of one. Turn to friends or associates for assistance with solving a long-running problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Insecurity or doubt could greatly undermine your professional success. Hold your head high and snag the job or position that you want with ease.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Westminster SIFE Team Wins Duel in Appalachia

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.-The **Westminster College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team took first place at the Duel in Appalachia held at Marshall College Saturday, Nov. 6.**

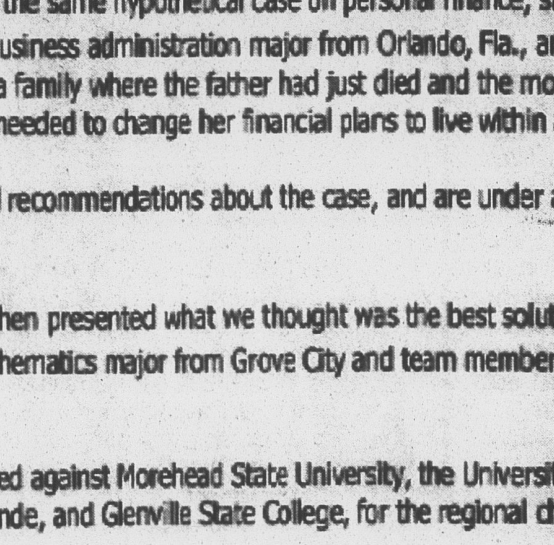
All teams were given the same hypothetical case on personal finance, said **Lauren Scheller** a junior business administration major from Orlando, Fla., and team member. The case was about a family where the father had just died and the mother of one child and one on the way needed to change her financial plans to live within a new income.

Each team presented recommendations about the case, and are under a time deadline to make their case.

We researched and then presented what we thought was the best solution, said **Lindsay Lutes**, a junior mathematics major from Grove City and team member. We won first place.

Westminster competed against Morehead State University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Rio Grande, and Glenville State College, for the regional championship.

Our win entitles us to go to Tuscon, Arizona, to compete in the national competition, Duel in the Desert, said **Sybil Feightner** , a senior accounting major from Twinsburg, Ohio and team member. We will play against 17 teams in March at the University of Arizona.



McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

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FRIDAY!
Al Jamnesty
8:00 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
College Bowl
All Day
Club Room/Berlin Lounge

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday 8:00 pm Friday 10:30 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm Saturday 8:00 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm Sunday 9:00 pm

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
10:00 pm
Meet in front of McKelvey

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
Patriots vs. Chiefs
9:00p.m.
Club Room

COMING SOON...

Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Dec. 3	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 4	Circle K's sponsors Snowball Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 22	Saturday Night Titan's Tavern
Jan. 28	Friday Night Titan's Tavern
Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr. 16	Relay for Life
Apr. 23	Swing and Sing
Apr. 30	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

Features

Eat that turkey: Fat is phat

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

It's time to cut the elastic waistbands in my pants: it's Thanksgiving!

The time period between Thanksgiving and New Years is a five-week gorge fest that equips our bodies with an extra layer of insulation just in case we plan on hibernating.

Since we are not of the bear variety, we continue eating until one day in early spring, we realize our favorite shirt will not fit over the handles that we love, or our tummies will not stay safely hidden behind our pants.

If you happen to be one of those people that "never gains any weight," I insist that you stop reading.

This article does not apply to you and your freakish self. (This also includes anyone who can devour piles of gravy soaked slabs of turkey and wake up the next day 20 pounds lighter.)

It's the obvious choice to write about extra poundage before the turkey rolls in next Thursday. The upcoming holiday season means weight gain; well that, and the birth of Christ.

However, our crazy culture does not concentrate on things of the joyous type, but rather the "you are painted in to those jeans because you ate too much stuffing" type. I cannot escape fat.

Everywhere I turn, a new diet fad soars in to view or some over-paid celebrity is telling me how she stays in shape.

Just yesterday, perusing through a People magazine, I landed on an article about an actress who is 5'8" and 120 pounds. The article lauds her impressive efforts of losing 40 pounds after college.

Yes, that is quite a feat. Am I 5'8"? Yes. Will I ever weigh 120 pounds? Not likely. Should I cry myself to sleep at night over it? Heck no. Should I skip the delightful feast that waits on November 25 to insure no holiday weight gain? Ha! Absolutely not. Bring on the deliciousness!

While I do not want Richard Simmons crying at my bedside, I also do not want to constantly try to live up to what our screwed up society deems as attractive.

Without a doubt, it is important to be healthy. But, if you carry around a little something extra after the holidays, or any time throughout the year, no need to begin starvation.

Everyone has weight fluctuations (except those circus sideshows that I forced to stop reading... at least everyone that is still reading gains weight).

We should never let anyone make us feel bad about our sizes and shapes. Who's to say what the perfect weight is?

If someone does not like what they see, then too darn bad. We are not here to be someone's stinkin' eye candy anyway! We are all handcrafted, unique pieces of goodness.

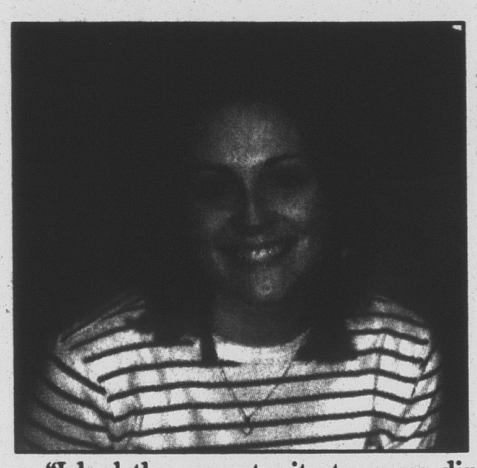
There always will be a part of me that yearns to be a size six.

That part of me will not be present during Thanksgiving dinner.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Question of the Week

What is your most memorable Thanksgiving moment?



"I had the opportunity to serve dinner to the underprivileged, and it was just amazing to see how happy they were to have us serving them dinner. It made me think and be thankful for all the Thanksgivings I had with my family." **Shannon McClain**

"My brother, who was 3 at the time, brought out a loaf of bread and asked, 'anyone want a piece of bread?'" **Lindsay McCarty**

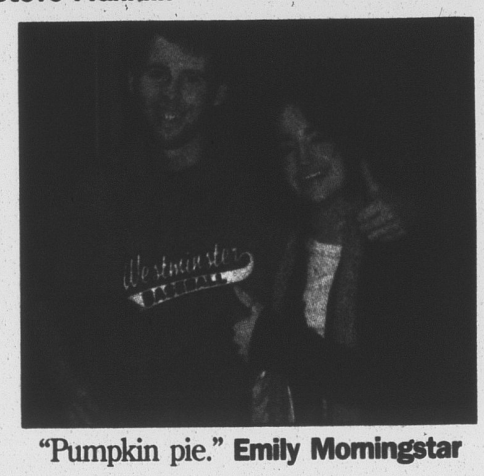
"When my mom told me I had great child-bearing hips, because I had gained weight my freshman year." **Vera Dorosh**

"Our family was driving to Allentown for our grandparents' 45th wedding anniversary, and I-80 was closed because of snow. We spent the night in a motel watching Beavis and Butthead." **Abby Sumpter**

"My great aunt pulled off her shirt and shook what the good Lord gave her." **Josh Flaim**

"I had four platefuls of food and was the last person to leave the dinner table." **Melissa Schroder**

"We were playing football in the front yard, and I was tackled in to the Christmas decorations and the three wise men snapped in half." **Steve Franklin**



"Pumpkin pie." **Emily Morningstar**

Political Pong

Arafat: Man, myth or legend?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Although it was of no surprise to anyone who has watched CNN in the past two weeks, Yasser Arafat passed away on November 10th, leaving the world wondering what to expect next from the Israel/Palestine crisis.

Some consider the death of this former Palestinian Authority Leader a blessing, one that will finally open talks between Israel and Palestine. Others believe that this absence of authority will create feuding to fill this vacuum of power.

Rawhi Fattuh, the Palestinian Parliament Speaker, was chosen as the interim leader until elections, which will be held in sixty days.

But what does the future hold for the Palestinians and their reluctant neighbors, the Israelis? And, more importantly for this article, what is the role of the US?

This is the primary reason why so many world figures, including the United States and the Bush administration, opposed the leadership of Yasser Arafat for the Palestinian people. Within the past year President Bush asked the Palestinian people to replace Arafat with a leader who was not "compromised by terror." Of course Israel, particularly Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, refuses to negotiate with the Palestinians, as it is equivalent to negotiating with terrorists. Israel has launched many counter attacks against the Palestinian terrorists, which has only worsened the situation. Despite several peace talks and accords, war continues and there is no Palestinian state.

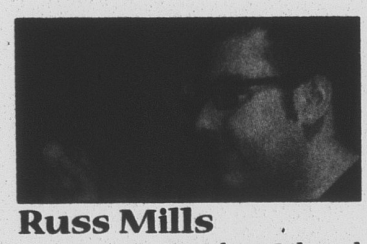
So with the death of Yasser Arafat, what should the Bush administration do? Now I believe in sticking with your allies. Anyone who abandons their political friends in times of crisis, unless that nation's actions will harm its allies, is playing dirty politics.

The United States should remain a staunch ally with Israel concerning this crisis. Hqwever, should the Palestinian people elect a leader that is willing to negotiate with Israel without resorting to suicide bombings, I believe that Israel MUST negotiate the creation of a democratic Palestinian state.

And who better to gently nudge Israel in this direction than their faithful friend, the United States.

A lot of Americans believe we should just remove ourselves completely from the situation; I disagree. The United States, in looking at what's best for our national interests of course, stands to gain a lot with peace in this area of the world. Besides, we are a nation of finishing what we started; this is our oath in Iraq and must be so in the Middle East.Goodbye Yasser Arafat, hello possible peace talks. I think the only person that will truly miss you will be Osama, he always weeps for the terrorists.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

As most of you know, this week the world lost one of the greatest freedom fighters of all time. Yasser Arafat passed away this week after being in a coma for several weeks.

Arafat was President of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and also the Palestinian Authority since 1969.

During his time as leader of the Palestinian movement he worked for peace with the Israelis while maintaining that the people of Palestine should have their own state.

Arafat was a problem to the Bush administration because the Bush administration has taken the side of the Israeli's in the conflict and called Arafat "a major headache that needs to be dealt with."

I'm sure that Arafat, a former Nobel Peace Prize winner, must be thrilled hearing the self-described "war-time" President call him a headache that is preventing peace in the Middle East.

With Arafat gone and Palestinian elections scheduled for January 9th, one must ask, what will the Bush administration do now?

I feel the Bush administration will do everything in its power to crush the Palestinian movement because they view them as terrorists (Was George Washington a terrorist for fighting for a new American state?).

The Bush administration, with expected new Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, will probably sever all diplomatic ties with the new Palestinian government and will probably give their full faith and confidence to one of my least favorite people in the world today, Ariel Sharon.

The Bush administration has backed Sharon (who may I remind you is a war criminal who committed crimes that are much worse than committed by Slobodan Milosevic), because of his commitment to "rid the middle east of terrorists."

I feel that the end result will be more American military equipment and possibly more American troops headed to the Middle East.

Considering the mess the President got us into in Iraq, I hope he comes up with a strategy for his unethical attacks. If he doesn't, the will of the Palestinian people to be free and claim their territory will prevail and embarrass the US like we have been embarrassed in Iraq.

To conclude, I wish the Palestinian people the best and hope that someday they get their own state. I would also like to see the US stop their blind love-affair with Israel.

It seems to me that Bush's industrial military base, who supplies Israel with their weapons, got Bush lost on the infamous "road-map" to peace. We need a real plan to achieve peace; maybe Bush should ask Bill Clinton how to do that.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Rummel explains it all: The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians

So we all know (or at least we should, you politically savvy college student) that the US has always supported the actions and policies of Israel concerning their little problem with Palestinians.

But allow me to give a brief history lesson on the conflict between Israel and Palestine, as well as how the United States got involved. After Britain relinquished control of the Middle East in the early 1900s, it gave a mandate over Palestine to create a Jewish state.

Britain eventually handed the problem over to the UN, which ruled in 1947 that in this disputed territory two states shall be created: one for Arabs and one for Jews. The Jewish people accepted, while the Arab people rejected it.

Israel was created and declared itself an independent nation in 1948, and guess who was the first to recognize it as such? You guessed it, the United States.

The Arab community was outraged, and they attacked Israel the very next day. Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, the Arab states, were all heavily involved with the war against Israel.

However, throughout the past 50 years, mostly through the negotiating powers of the United States, these Arab states have calmed their relations with the Jewish state. However, the issue of the creation of a Palestinian State has never been resolved.

When Yasser Arafat took over as leader of the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization) in the 1970s, he turned to terrorism as a form of negotiation with Israel.

Yasser Arafat 1929-2004

"We (the Arabs and the Jews) are cousins, and we were living, during the whole history, as brothers."
- Yasser Arafat

Grubbin' with Greg

Off the beaten path: Feed Mill worth the ten extra steps

Greg Smith
Food Critic

When you think about New Wilmington in terms of dining options, you usually ask yourself whether it's going to be Pizza Joe's, Mugsies or Isaly's.

However, if you're willing to make an extra 10-foot trek up to Vine Street, you just might stumble upon a little place that offers up some serious atmosphere and some seriously delectable items.

Now I'm sure that some of you are questioning why in the world you would want to take on the arduous task of walking across the street to a place you may know very little about.

For some of you, it may be that you don't have access to a vehicle so you don't really have many other options. Still, for those of you who do have the means to go cruising around the surrounding area you might just be out of dining options.

If none of these reasons apply to you, then maybe it's just because you need a little change in atmosphere. This is why this week I went to check out the Feed Mill on Vine Street.

Why in the world you would want to take on the arduous task of walking across the street to a place you may know very little about?

Perhaps The Feed Mill is familiar to some people, but if you have not taken a trip there I recommend giving it a try. Even if you find yourself not in the mood for a meal, you can always stop by the Feed Mill for a cup of warm Java. That's right; the entrance into the restaurant is proud to boast some bold flavor coffees as well as other specialty drinks. You can sit around drinking some coffee and sharing some good times with good company.

Now I do have to advise those of you that go to coffee shops for the sole purpose of using the wireless internet available that the Feed Mill does not offer wireless internet. However, they do offer an amazing array of cheesecakes, cakes, and pies.

If the whole coffeehouse scene isn't for you, go on ahead into the semi-formal dining room. Whether it be for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, the staff at the Feed Mill is always cooking up something good.

They offer a variety of items from specialty salads, to specialty sandwiches, to some extremely excellent cheesecake.

Perhaps one of the drawbacks to the Feed Mill is that they are a little pricey, but not to the extent that they take you for every penny you're worth.

In my opinion, the extra dollar or two you pay for your meal is worth the atmosphere and service you'll receive at the Feed Mill. The staff is extremely nice, particularly expedient, and very attentive. The smiling faces at the Feed Mill help to compliment the warm and cozy atmosphere that surrounds you in the dining room as well as in the coffeehouse portion of the building. Overall I'd rate my experience at the Feed Mill on Vine Street three out of four Twinkies. The reason why I'm giving them a three is because for a college student the extra money it may cost them for a meal at the Feed Mill might not be a viable option. However, I can't stress enough how the atmosphere of the Feed Mill is unlike any other that this town offers. The food is very good, but the staff really helps to make the experience.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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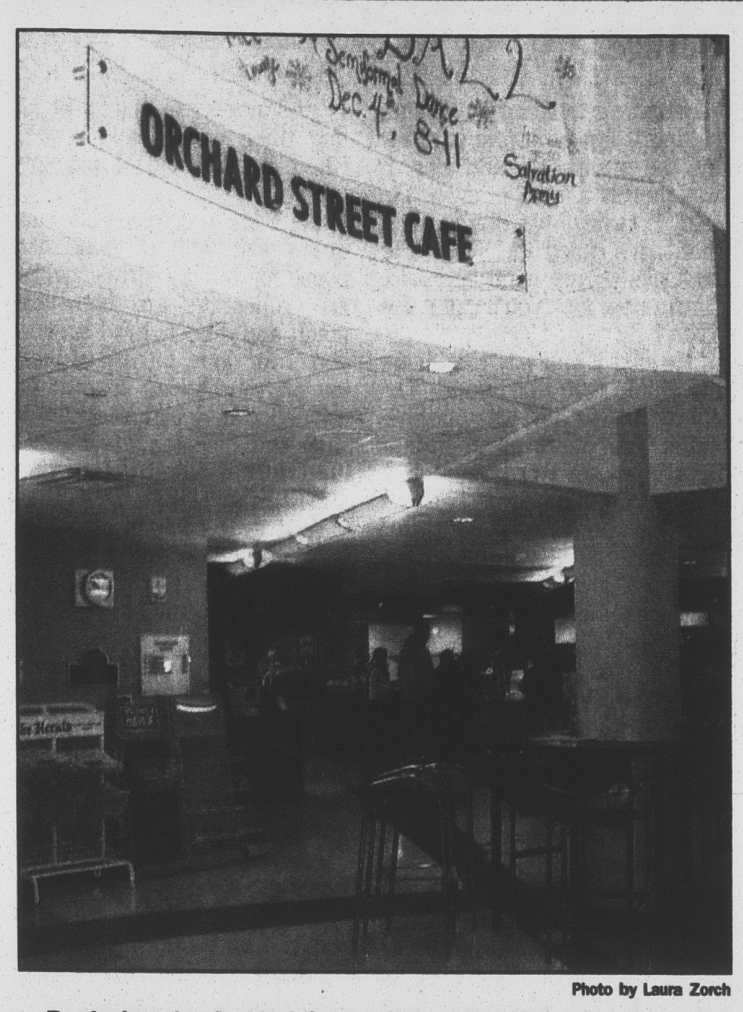

Photo by Laura Zorch

Replacing the Orchard Street Cafe signs with new signs that read Titan Union Building will cost $1,100.

Costly TUB to fill

Is keeping the TUB tradition alive worthy of the sign change?

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

Ian Durham, senior broadcast major, started a petition about a month ago to change the name of the Orchard Street Café back to the TUB. He has already racked in more than 150 names, but now he's hoping to pen an additional 1000 signatures. He hopes by the end of the week to add more than 800 to that list. That's because this week and next, he'll actually be sitting in the TUB for lunch and dinner hours.

"There is such a tradition with the name, to lose it would be a real shame," he said. "Everybody calls it the TUB, no one calls it the Orchard Street Cafe...that didn't stick. The TUB, that's what it's been since 1947. It works," he added.

Not even Andrew McKelvey, the namesake of the McKelvey Campus Center, is fond of the name chosen for the eating area within his building. "The Orchard Street Cafe? I don't think so...It wouldn't be my first choice." What should it be called? "The Titan Union Bay, that's what it stands for," he stated.

While McKelvey's take on the TUB name is not exactly right, his thoughts on the Orchard Street Café name reflect a majority opinion on campus.

Douglas Swartz, dean of admissions, agrees with Durham and McKelvey and understands that it is important to keep the TUB tradition alive. "What the majority want to call it, the TUB, that's what'll happen. There is a tradition to that name, that's important. If students feel strongly, it's okay to protest," he said.

The tradition is so strong that it is still held with high regard not only by current students, but by reminiscent alumni as well.

Mary Louise Gettemy, from the class of 1945, looks back fondly on the name.

"It was fun to say TUB, or to write home and say, 'I met John at the TUB today" said Gettemy. She notes that the administrations always called it the Union Building, and they thought it was funny that we called it the TUB. "The administration still tries to stop us" she said.

But the name is complicated by financial considerations. Larry Ratvasky, owner representative, said, "The problem isn't changing the sign, it's the directory...there are four directories...that's more than $4000."

But Durham contests this adding, "Look, changing the directory isn't a big deal in my eyes...change it next year."

"The Orchard Street Cafe? I don't think so...it wouldn't be my first choice. The Titan Union Bay, that's what it stands for."

-Andrew J.McKelvey

Dr. David Barner, associate professor of broadcasting, notes that the directory isn't a big deal. "The names on all the directories just say 'food service,'" he said.

Sign Pro, the company that makes our college signs estimates that four new signs price will price at around $1100 total to redo.

Durham laughs at the cost. "Look, for the amount of money this school brings in...you know $1100 really isn't that big of a deal," he said.

Silent protest heard

By Nawal Rajeh
Campus Writer

Only weeks after President Bush's reelection, students and faculty gathered in a silent protest to contest current actions taken by his administration.

Bush's recent nomination of Alberto Gonzales to Attorney General has spurred strong emotional responses throughout the country.

Gonzales is most well known for saying that parts of The Geneva Convention are "obsolete." He is noted saying that Guantanomo prisoners can be justifiably tortured.

"There is no such thing as justifiable torture," wrote Dr. David Swerdlow, English professor, in an e-mail to the campus community.

His e-mail was forwarded throughout the week informing students and faculty about a protest that was to be held on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Swerdlow said that when George W. Bush was reelected he knew he had to do something. When he read about the appointment of Gonzales it became clear that this was the place to start.

He organized a silent protest. He did not want people to attend because they could yell and scream. He wanted people to attend who wanted to make a change.

"I wanted there to be sobriety of purpose," Swerdlow said. The protest, as he saw it, was not held for fun, but because real and basic things are at stake.

Though Swerdlow does not believe it will be difficult for Bush to get this nomination passed, he does feel that it is up to the people to rise up, and start a strong, serious movement, so that congressmen and women will think twice before approving nominations. He also hopes efforts will erode Bush's mandate notion.

Swerdlow said politicians must be held "responsible to American values of peace, justice, and fair play...they think that security is more important than justice. What are you securing? A lie."

The silent protest began in the student center's second floor and then processed outside around the peace pole. Swerdlow thanked everyone for coming and explained that he was not trying to be a single leader and encouraged everyone to organize similar protests.

Swerdlow spoke of his father, who was an Army General. He said that if he were here today, he would be ashamed. He said that American rights, which many people died for in the past, are being taken away, and Americans are just standing by. Swerdlow feels that you don't erase these types of ideals in a decade.

"When he talked, it was so powerful I got goose bumps," said first year, political science major, Jelena Gerga.

"A lot of people had tears in their eyes," said Kate Molinaro, also a first year political science major.

About 25 people attended the silent demonstration. Some carried signs with names of people who wanted to be present, but were unable to attend.

"It was nice to see how many people were willing to show they care, but at the same time disappointing how few of them there really were," Debbie Sanchez, secretary of political science and sociology department, said.

Others, like Jennifer Baier, a junior religion major, commented on the lack of student involvement. Less than half the crowd gathered was comprised of students.

Nonetheless, Swerdlow hopes that this is the beginning of a movement that will continue to grow stronger.

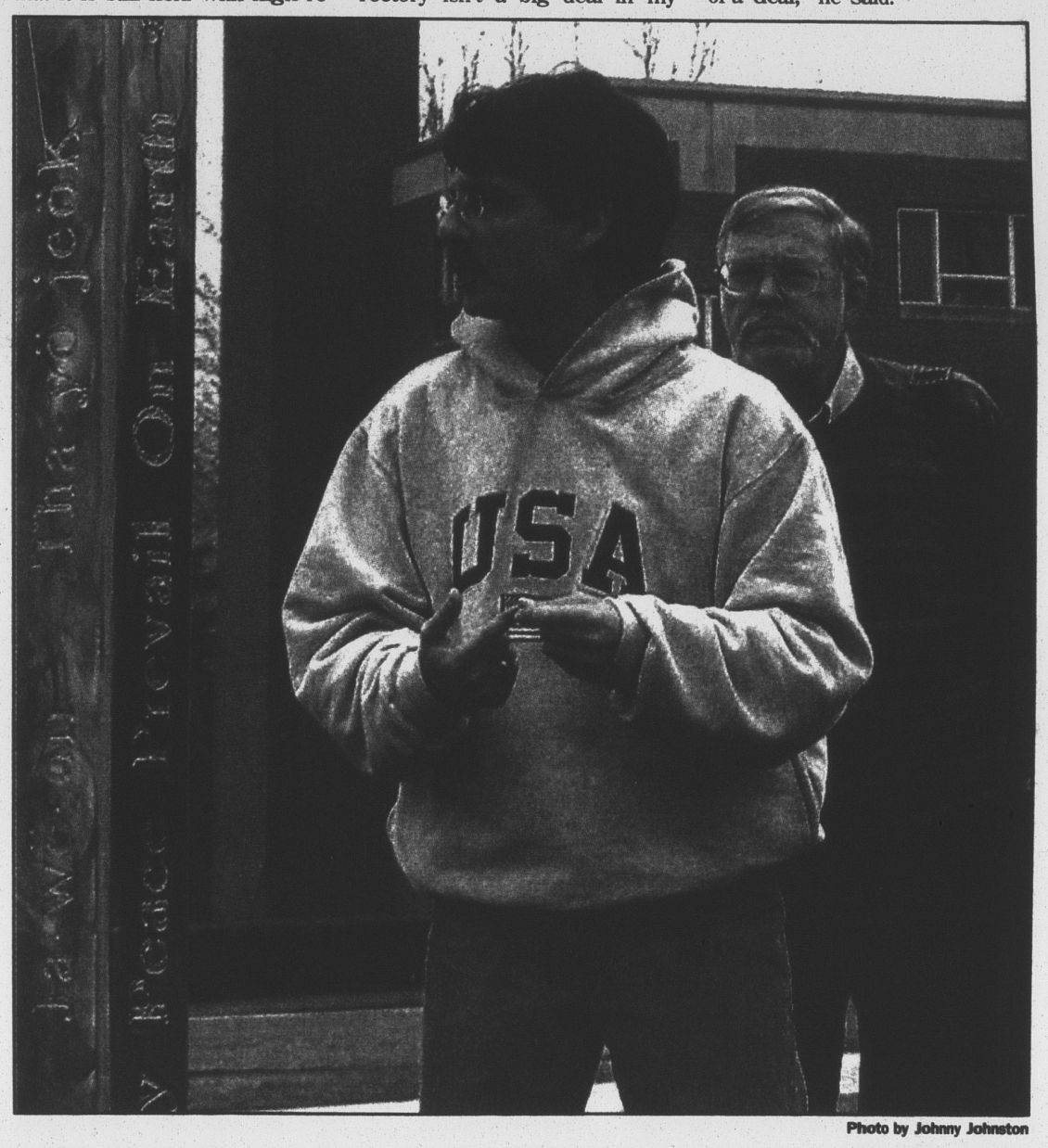

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Dr. David Swerdlow leads the protest against President Bush's nomination of Alberto Gonzales into the office of Attorney General.

Mistaken identities: Campus doubles confuse students

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Battle of the Doubles: Christopher Diamond vs. Christopher Dymond. These students are often confused on campus because of their similiar names.

By Jaycie Galbraith
Campus Writer

Students on campus such as Ashley A. Young, Ashley L. Young, Christopher Dymond, Christopher Diamond, Sara A. Miller, and Sarah L. Miller are often confused because they share the same first and last names.

Each of these "student doubles" has experienced confusion with other students and professors on campus. Most of the mix-ups involve e-mails, shared folders, mail from the mailroom, and phone calls.

"The first time I learned there was someone who had my name was last year when Ashley was running for SGA," A.A. Young said. "My friends and I saw 'Vote Ashley Young for SGA Senator' chalked all over campus. I was really curious to see who this person was so I looked her up and busted into her room with one of my friends" she said.

A.A. Young, 20, is a third-year student from Hermitage, Pa. She is Sigma Kappa's new president, a member of SIFE and women's chorus, and holds an internship at Lawrence County Social Services.

A.L. Young, 19, is a sophomore from Clearfield, Pa. She is a member of Kappa Delta, Lambda Sigma, and SGA. She is also involved with a small group Bible study and chapel staff.

"All my life it's been unique for me to have the last name Dymond," Dymond said. "It's weird for there to be another one here," he added.

Dymond, 19, is a sophomore from Clearfield, Pa. and is a member of the men's soccer team. Both Dymond and A.L. Young attended the same church and elementary school in Clearfield.

Diamond, a 21-year-old junior from Belfast, Ireland is studying business on campus for one year. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau, the men's cross country team, and will participate in track and field in the spring.

"The first day I came to

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Brown leaves in my salad make me cry.

You're such a noun.

What is up with the Christmas tree in the quad? It looks like one of those claws is grabbing it from above - God's own $.50 game! Someone please fix it.

I throw shoes.

"Your mom" jokes are old.

I don't go here anymore.

I'm the tricksey leader.

What's with all the couches at live shows?

I'm a silly crybaby.

No frozen yougurt makes me angry! <insert angry face here>

Why doesn't anyone come out anymore?

Fra-gee-lay. That must be Italian.

Who stole my Jesus action figure?

Don't play chess with the devil. You'll never win.

I'm one step closer to world domination.

Oh... I can't see this ending well.

Happy Christmaskah.

Come downstairs and say hello.

I like socks.

Hello!

Don't panic.

My brains are going into my feet.

I feel like I'm Han Solo, and you're Chewie, and she's Ben Kenobi...

Be sure to drink your Ovaltine.

I want an official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle.

An escalator can never break down. It can only become stairs.

A vague disclaimer is nobody's friend.

Get out of my brain!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

The Orchard Street Cafe or the TUB?

A journey to the "promised land" ends in a surprising discovery for one hopeful transfer student

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

On my first day as a transfer student, I hop-scotched this campus in pursuit of that strange and exotic land they listed online as "The Orchard Street Café."

I knew from the name that it would be a simply fabulous experience. Perhaps even a lush garden with a well-lit walk that smelled like waterfalls and served non-alcoholic strawberry daiquiris. Sure, I knew that the tiki huts, hula dancers and the scented smelly markers may come extra, but that Web site left me salivating. I couldn't wait to see this "student hang-out," this Kahunaville, this colorful creation!

Well, even if that wasn't exactly right, for $27,000, I had to find out where it was- and besides that, why it was also the first place on my orientation card. I marched on then, prancing all about along the upper sides and then through the lower recesses of this not-so-"orchard like" area called McKelvey.

Now it could have been my pink dress or my southern pearls that left me in strands of confusion - I was obviously displaced, but wouldn't someone know where I was to be?

All flustered and not knowing where to meet my party, I swore through a swirl of orientation materials that as God was my witness that I'd never go hungry for lunch. Yes, I'd find this "strawberry daiquiri" Mecca of a land even if I had to walk an extra eighth of a mile in three inch heels!

With a sigh, exhausted from exploration, I ended up outside. I found myself surrounded by a heavy cloud of what typically is a southern heat wave; the kind of the humidity that soars up so high it leaves your spirit faint and very much deflated.

Out here, I pleaded with the students passing by. I asked for assistance in my apparent quest, but as I implored inquisitively, "where is this place" pointing to that pretty name on the top left hand of my brochure; their reply came only in mere shrugs or apologetic and sheepish laughs.

I wondered if other new students had had the experience, reading those same words and imagining something grand. But here I felt more like a first-generation immigrant; I was stood up by that promise of a land filled with milk and honey, and I did not come this far to go hungry. But that name, that "Orchard Street Café," it started sounding more and more like a mirage.

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Outside, my skin stood up red, burning fast in the heat, and my voice cracked; it was parched.

I looked up then at the excruciatingly hot and unforgiving sun, cursing my existence, when finally with tears welling up in my eyes, I covered them with tortoise-shelled sunglasses and I did the unthinkable: Southern Belle 101.

I flailed my arms up, batted my eyelashes, and shouted, "Excuse me," pausing to put that "plantation mint-julep syrupy drawl" texture onto the sweet words, "do you know where this "Orchard Street Café is?"

I'll never forget the kindness of the eleventh person I asked. A nice young intelligent college chap provided the answer. He escorted me, taking my hand, patting it lightly at first to show me the premises – and why, it was merely a few feet away! He said, "Darling, we don't call it that... it's called the TUB." He kept patting my hand and said, "From now on.. .you'll call it the TUB."

He said it in a way that made me think that that name "Orchard Street Cafe" was blasphemous. And then, in an instant his dapper self was gone.

My eyes must have been as wide as saucers. This "Café" was here all along! I had approached my destination, but now I seemed more perplexed than ever.

Why was it called the TUB? It didn't look like a bathtub; I certainly didn't see any public bathhouses, but I didn't care by this point I could finally find my orientation party and get a coke.

And alright, so that hand patting thing was a little embellished, but the rest of the story is true.

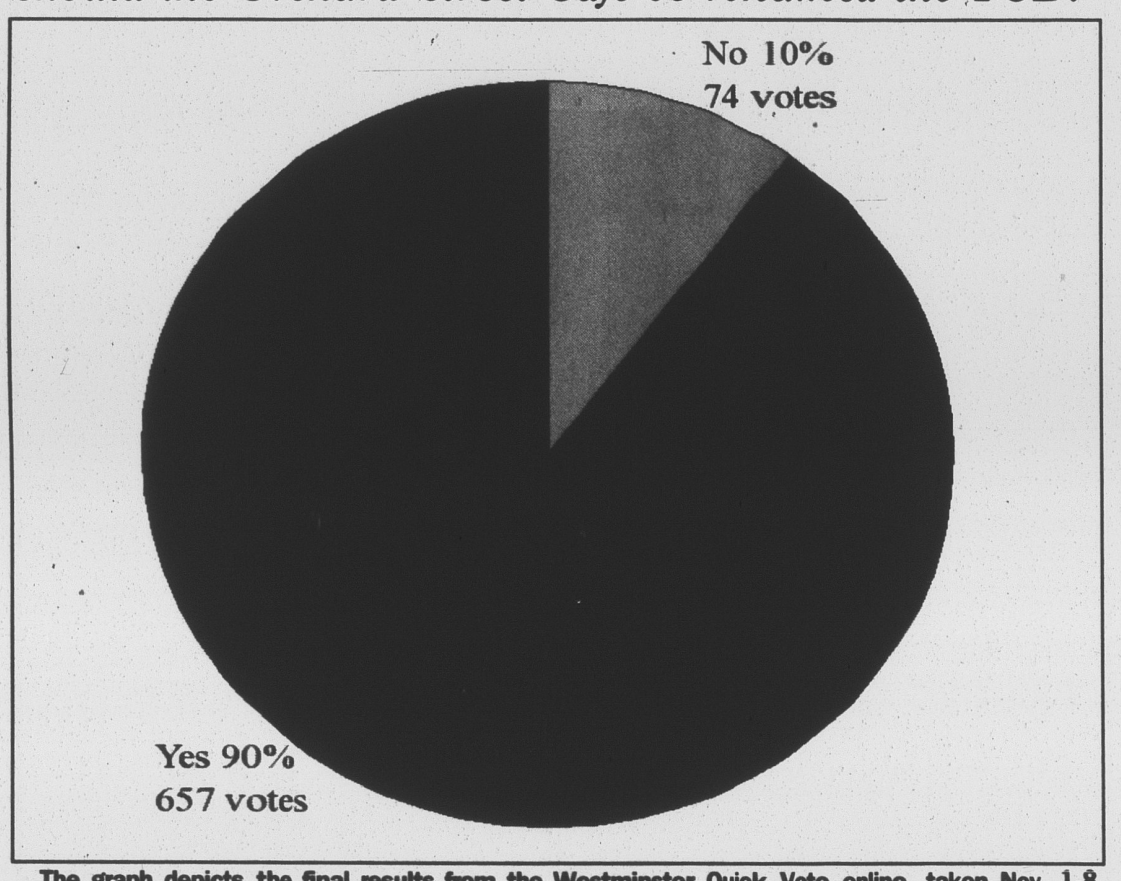
So, I know college is a busy time - what with all those 2000 pages of nightly drivel, which are rehashed for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but I implore you… for once, instead of feasting on your books or your extracurricular debaucheries, consider this question, "Is it called the Orchard Street Café… or is it called the TUB?"

And as a campus community, once and for all, let's make up our minds. For the sake of bewildered transfer students everywhere.

Kathryn Larson is a junior English major and resident Southern belle. If you find her lost on campus, please take her hand and return her to the Holcad office immediately.

TUB floats the vote

Should the Orchard Street Cafe be renamed the TUB?



The graph depicts the final results from the Westminster Quick Vote online, taken Nov. 1-8. The total number of votes came to 731.

Special thanks to Mark Meighen.

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Letter to the Editor

Dollars more important than sense: College marketing campaign brings up discussion of the real issues

I would like to respond to the multitude of articles written about the college's marketing efforts-specifically the redesigned website.

I think there is a general consensus that our new website conveys an image that only the Ringling Brothers would appreciate. Students, faculty and even Andy McKelvey have spoken out against our new design. Somehow, all of this has gone unnoticed and we continue to consult with Dora the Explorer... I mean our marketing firm. We should pride ourselves on what the college actually has to offer; our students and faculty are top-notch. Westminster does not need gimmicks to succeed. Even worse, all of the bickering over the website has been preventing discussion of real issues.

The elimination of an entire major, the proposed elimination of the Honors Program (as a worthwhile entity) and the new overload policy tell a different story. I understand that an organization needs to operate efficiently, but other concerns must be addressed as well.

The Honors Program should be preserved as is or provided with the additional funding necessary for improvement. Investing in the best and the brightest would reap long-term rewards for any institution.

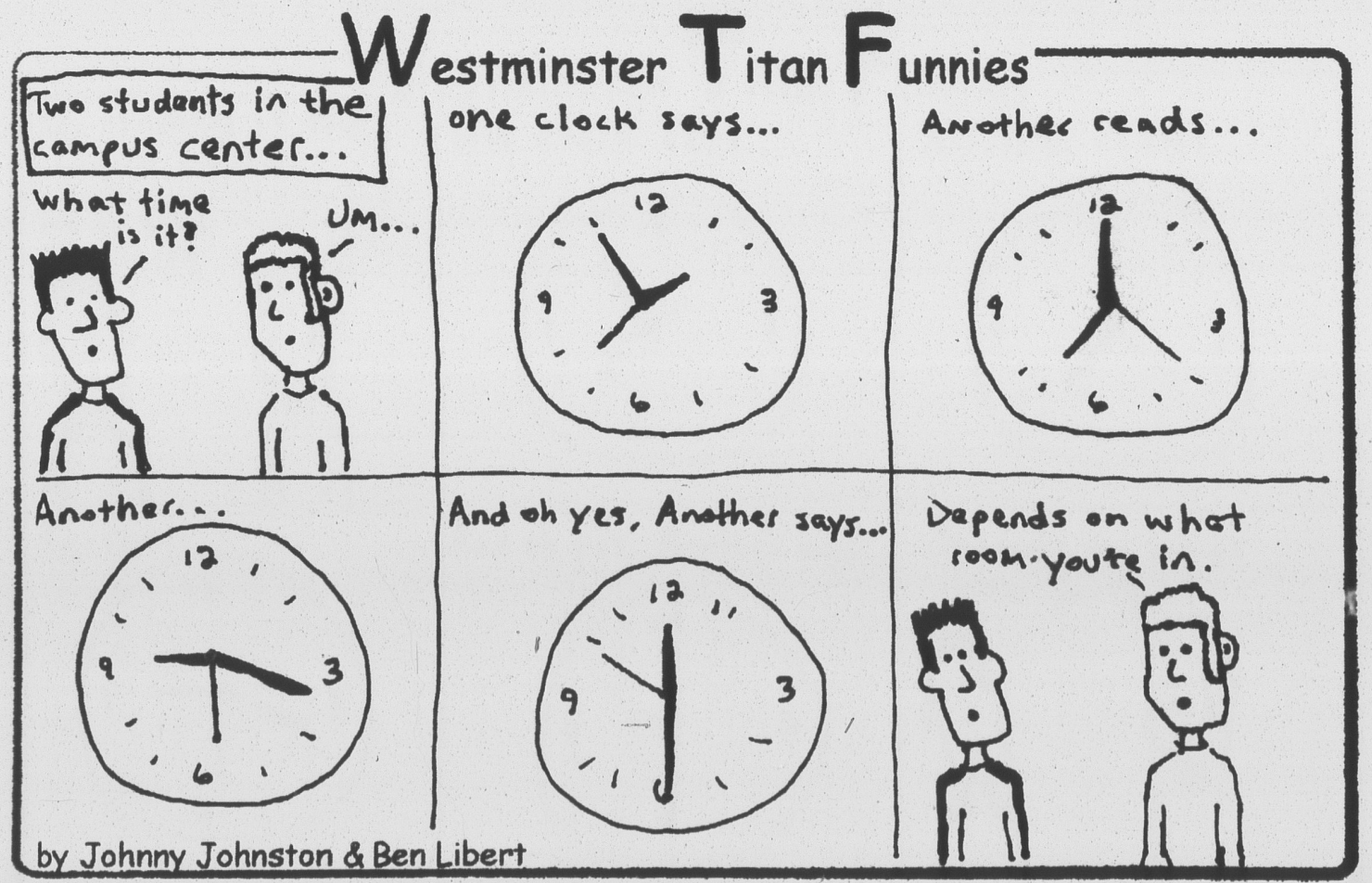
Undoubtedly, Westminster College would be a more efficient machine if it trimmed down to the most profitable majors. It has already been determined that we can no longer afford to instruct students in the German language. Will other programs with few majors soon be on the chopping block as well? Will Latin retire with Dr. Castro? Philosophy and Economics are not large majors either.

If precedent was applied to other academic fields, we would no longer have to buy expensive science equipment or pay faculty to operate small programs. We would all be highly profitable business students in large classrooms (this is not a shot at business students, I am one of them).

And yes, it would be cheaper. But would students really benefit from less academic diversity? Would potential students, especially top-notch students, be more likely to select Westminster?

I applied to this college because of its academic flexibility and unrealized promises of more flexibility in the future. Unfortunately, it appears that dollars are becoming more important than sense.

Ben Nelson
Junior - Business Admin.



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Outside the Bubble

INTERNATIONAL

Bush asks Canada for support in Iraq and MidEast

By Scott Lindlaw
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HALIFAX, Nova Scotia - President Bush asked Canadians on Wednesday to move beyond their deep opposition to the Iraq war and get behind his vision of democracies blooming from Baghdad to the West Bank.

"Sometimes even the closest of friends disagree, and two years ago we disagreed about the course of action in Iraq," Bush said, standing at the side of Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Bush said, "there is no disagreement at all with what has to be done in going forward. We must help the Iraqi people secure their country and build a free and democratic society."

Bush conceded that the United States can be a difficult "elephant" to live next to but delivered a forceful defense of his approach to combatting terrorism.

"We must take the fight to them, we must be relentless and we must be steadfast in our duty to protect our people," he said.

Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien refused to send Canadian troops to Iraq, and polls show more than 80 percent of Canadians still support that decision.

Bush's visit to this port city was linked to the Sept. 11 attacks, the defining event of his presidency and the spark for his eventual decision to invade Iraq.

On the day of the terror attacks against New York and Washington in 2001, some 33,000 passengers on airplanes bound for U.S. airports were diverted to Canadian provinces, including Nova Scotia.

"These were places that many aboard had never heard of. They are now places that few of the passengers will ever forget," Martin said.

Bush offered a belated thank you, and used the moment to seek a fresh start with Canadians.

"For days after Sept. 11, Canadians came to the aid of men and women and children who were worried and confused and had nowhere to sleep," the president said inside the Port 21 Museum, a historic site that was for decades a gateway for immigration and troop movements.

"You opened your homes and your churches to strangers, you brought food, you set up clinics, you arranged for calls to their loved ones, and you asked for nothing in return," the president said.

"Thank you for your kindness to America in an hour of need."

"Beyond the words of politicians and the natural disagreements that nations will have, our two peoples are one family and always will be," he said.

Reminders of the disagreements were just outside.

A couple of hundred protesters chanted anti-Bush slogans and held signs that read, "PM (Prime Minister) don't make deals with the devil," "Terrorists go home" and "Tanks for nothing."

Bush's audience sat mostly in silence as he called on Canadians and other allies to join him in "great goals," each of them relating to terrorism and each long ingrained in Bush policy.

First, he said, America and close friends such as Canada must make sure institutions such as the United Nations are "more relevant and more effective in meeting the unique threats of our time."

Second, governments must throw every resource at combating terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, he said.

On this point, Bush threw in a pitch for the missile shield his administration is working on.

Later, Martin said Canada will not support the plan if it means putting weapons in space, but he also said he didn't know exactly what Bush had in mind.

Last, the United States and allies can "enhance our own security by promoting freedom and hope and democracy in the broader Middle East."

Bush singled out his long-standing goal of a new, democratic Palestinian state coexisting peacefully with Israel.

He dismissed past efforts to nibble at the troubles there with small-scale negotiations over borders and settlement sites.

"This approach has been tried before without success," Bush said.

"The Palestinian people deserve a peaceful government that truly serves their interests, and the Israeli people need a true partner in peace."

"If all parties will apply effort, if all nations who are concerned about this issue will apply good will, this conflict can end and peace can be achieved," he said.

"And the time for that effort and the time for that good will is now."

Ukraine parliament votes to oust government

By Anna Melnichuk
Associated Press Writer

KIEV, Ukraine - Ukraine's opposition scored key victories Wednesday in its bid to scrap a disputed presidential election as parliament voted no confidence in the government and European-brokered talks provided momentum toward holding a new ballot.

Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko urged throngs of supporters to stay on the streets until plans for what he demanded _ a rerun of the Nov. 21 runoff with Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych _ are worked out. He said such a vote could be held as early as Dec. 19.

But President Leonid Kuchma, who backed Yanukovych, instead proposed an entirely new election, which would allow his Russian-allied government to field a more attractive candidate as it scrambles to stay in power with his 10 years in office running out.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who mediated talks Wednesday between Yuschenko and Yanukovych, also suggested a new vote but didn't indicate whether it would be a repeat of the runoff or a new election. Kuchma, who earlier in the day called the idea of a new runoff "a farce," also left the issue unclear.

The two candidates signed a deal to set up a group of lawyers to work out proposals for the "completion of the election," a reference to drafting legislation for a settlement of the dispute. The statement also urged protesters to lift their siege of official buildings that have paralyzed the government's work _ but Yushchenko urged his backers to press ahead with their street protests.

"Our ranks mustn't shrink," Yushchenko told tens of thousands of his supporters who gathered on Kiev's central Independence Square for the 11th straight night since the election commission declared his rival the winner in a vote he says was stolen. "We mustn't leave until we have a revote date firmly set."

Hours after the deal was signed, throngs of Yushchenko's supporters continued to besiege the Cabinet and the presidential administration buildings, while thousands clad in his orange campaign colors crammed the central square under fireworks and listened to rock bands in a raucous celebration.

Yushchenko said he expected the Supreme Court to deliver a ruling Thursday on his campaign's appeal to invalidate the runoff result _ based on claims of widespread violations across Yanukovych's eastern and southern strongholds.

Yanukovych has tried to counterattack by launching his own appeal contesting the vote results in pro-Yushchenko western provinces and the capital, but it wasn't immediately clear when the court would address it.

The opposition has asked the court to declare Yushchenko the winner based on his narrow edge in the election's first round, on Oct. 31. But his call for a revote suggested he does not believe the court would pronounce him the winner.

Yushchenko, Yanukovych and other participants in the talks in the ornate Mariinsky Palace presidential residence emphasized the need to prevent any actions that could split the country.

Yanukovych's supporters in the east have called for regional autonomy, sparking fears of Ukraine's breakup.

Participants in the talks emphasized the need to avoid the use of force and said the next round of talks would be held after the Supreme Court's ruling.

The negotiations _ shepherded by Solana, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and other European leaders _ came after Ukraine's parliament passed a no-confidence measure in Yanukovych's government with 229 votes, just three more than necessary in Ukraine's 450-seat Verkhovna Rada.

A no-confidence vote automatically triggers the resignation of the government, which the president must accept _ though he can allow it to continue to exercise its powers for up to 60 days, until a new Cabinet is formed.

However, many experts questioned the constitutionality of the vote, and Yanukovych called it a "political move that contradicted the law." He refused to recognize it and said he would keep working.

Observers speculated that Yanukovych's ex-campaign chief Serhiy Tyhypko could be Kuchma's choice in a new election. Tyhypko strongly pushed for a new election Wednesday, but wouldn't say whether he would run.

The vague phrasing of the compromise statement indicated the battle over how a new vote would be held was still raging.

Solana told reporters that changes in the Ukrainian laws would be required to stage a new vote, and he appeared to signal his support for Yushchenko's push for a runoff revote.

"I think for the next election is very important we have both candidates in the vote," he said, adding that it might take a month to set a new date.

Yushchenko has led the opposition for years and was long seen as its candidate in a country where millions are yearning for change after Kuchma's 10-year rule. Kuchma anointed Yanukovych as his favored successor last spring, hoping his prominence as prime minister would attract votes.

In the first round of voting, Yushchenko edged Yanukovych by less than a percentage point, but fell short of the majority needed to avoid a runoff.

NATIONAL

U of Oklahoma bans alcohol at frats, dorms in wake of student's drinking death

By Julie Bisbee
Associated Press Writer

NORMAN, Okla. - Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced Wednesday, two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning.

University of Oklahoma President Dan Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 18 at the start of the new semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hot line for students to report violations, and will expand alcohol education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents Monday for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

"These policies send a strong signal that alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at the University of Oklahoma," Boren said.

Student Blake Hammontree died Sept. 30 after a Sigma Chi fraternity party. He had a blood-alcohol content more than five times the legal limit. The frat has since been shut down.

Police are still investigating the death and several fraternity members have been subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury. One student, a sophomore, has been charged with furnishing alcohol to another minor at the party.

"The investigation continues and other charges are anticipated," said Cleveland County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall.

Similar recent incidents have been reported at campuses, including Colorado State, where student Samantha Spady had consumed as many as 40 drinks when she was found dead at a fraternity house in September.

Also this fall, Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. died after he was taken to the mountains near the University of Colorado with fellow Chi Psi fraternity pledges and told not to leave until several bottles of whiskey were finished. Bradley Kemp of the University of Arkansas died after downing a dozen beers and, friends said, possibly other drugs.

"Oh, hi . . . it's only you. We were hoping the roofers were finally here to fix our hurricane damage."

OFF CAMPUS

Current graduates facing improved job market

By Demetria Giles
The Collegian

According to the Job Outlook 2005 survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), more than 1,000 employers nationwide each expect to hire an average of 123 graduates, a 13.1 percent increase from 2004

For Taniya Brandon and many other soon-to-be graduates, interviews and applications are a big part of their senior year.

"As far as looking for a job, it has been very difficult for me," Brandon (senior-electrical engineering) said.

"For a couple of my friends, it has not been a problem."

She added that some of her friends have had several interviews.

According to the Job Outlook 2005 survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), more than 1,000 employers nationwide each expect to hire an average of 123 graduates, a 13.1 percent increase from 2004.

On average, in 2003, 109 graduates per employer were hired.

NACE spokeswoman Andrea Koncz said that in 2005, 61.7 percent of employers would hire more college graduates, which is an increase of about 11 percent from last year.

According to the survey, employers prefer graduates with degrees in accounting, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, business administration, computer science, economics and finance.

"We gave [employers] a list of majors and asked them which majors they were planning on hiring," Koncz said.

"It is not to say the others will not find jobs, but they seem to be targeting those."

Koncz said that overall, employers have more positive comments this year.

"Employers are telling us companies are growing, the economy is increasing, more people are retiring, and there are more jobs to offer," Koncz said.

Four out of every five employers surveyed believe the job market for graduating seniors is good, very good or excellent.

One out of every five thought the market is fair.

"We ask the employers to rate the job market, and this year, we had no employers rate the job market as poor," Koncz said.

Koncz said 4.8 percent of employers surveyed last year rated the job market as poor.

"I'm having a good experience," Aliya Jones (senior-electrical engineering) said.

"One of the companies told me the reason they are hiring is that the baby-boomers are starting to retire and that they are losing 40 percent of their company," Jones said.

Jack Rayman, director of Penn State Career Services, said he is uncertain about the survey's results, despite the fact that the economy seems to be improving.

However, since the expected increase in job opportunities, Rayman said Career Services has seen more companies represented at the career fair than in recent years.

"Employer participation in the career fair is up 10 percent, so that's a good sign," Rayman said.

Electrical engineering department head Ken Jenkins said two to three years ago, the recruitment of electrical engineers was down, but it has slowly increased.

"I have asked students if they have found jobs, and most of them say they have," Jenkins said. "And it is the job they want."

College of the Liberal Arts Dean Susan Welch said the job market has also been depressing for students with liberal arts degrees the last few years.

Welch said most of the liberal arts students still go out and find jobs in the private sector.

"Some go into Teach for America and the Peace Corps and not the job market," Welch said.

New job market predications will be available from NACE again later this month and in April.

Campus News

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Once upon a time

President R. Thomas Williamson reads a Christmas story on the quad in honor of the Student Alumni Association's Light Up Event on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Pass the turkey, and the work?

By Kellie Gilchrist
Campus Writer

Many students took advantage of Thanksgiving break as a week of quality family time and relaxation. However, some students were not fully able to enjoy their turkey and mashed potatoes because of big tests or papers due upon their return to school. So, why don't some professors taking the holiday break into consideration?

Some professors sympathize with students and do not assign homework over break because they realize that students, like themselves, need a break from school, too.

Shannon Smithey, a political science professor, tried to take student's feelings into consideration.

"I think that students will resent it... I figure they deserve a little time off," she said.

Smithey normally doesn't assign homework that's due after a break, but she did for two classes that asked for extensions.

Despite the classes' decision, Smithey is still able to rest and handle her business.

"The holiday gives me the opportunity to do grading if some students hand their work in before break, and it allows me to play catch-up."

Allan Gittis, professor and chair of the psychology department saw no reason for giving homework.

"I don't compute with the concept of homework in college... I assign reading assignments and take-home exams, but what students do is up to them," he said.

Warren Hickman, mathematics professor, learned this the hard way.

"I have been teaching for a long time, and I find in the past that usually students wait until Sunday night to do their work and they don't do very well," Hickman said.

Now, Hickman tries organizing his schedule so he doesn't have to assign work over break. "I just try to give them a good break so they can come back very refreshed and ready to work," he said.

While other professors do not assign special work over break, they do expect students to keep up with class responsibilities.

Sandra Webster, psychology professor, sees no reason not assign homework over break.

"It's a strange idea to me that people wouldn't give assignments because of break," she said. "They have the three days to recognize the holiday and be with family and they have the weekend."

Peter Smith, a chemistry professor, agreed with Webster noting how imperative it is for students to stay in the habit of doing class exercises to maintain their retention.

"If students take five days off from school it would significantly hurt their retention of the material," Smith said.

Webster added that despite the break, students must prepare for what lies ahead in the coming weeks.

"Finals are right around the corner. Putting work off until the last minute will not be beneficial for them."

When it comes to work, James Perkins, public relations professor, regards the holiday weekend as any other weekend.

"I don't look at the holidays any special. It's just like an extended weekend, and I give homework over the weekend."

When asked why he doesn't treat the holiday any differently, he said he owes it to students to help them stay in the groove of school.

"It's their responsibility to learn something. If they wanted to watch TV then they should stay home. College is too expensive for anyone to want to waste their education," Perkins said.

Most students, however, want a break from the classroom setting and maybe a chance to watch some TV. Fritz Julien, senior intercultural studies major, is opposed to homework over break. He thinks it's pointless.

"I think that it shouldn't be allowed. It's a vacation, you should be able to relax because everybody needs a break," Julien said.

Sarabeth Hall, junior media art major, thinks that it is wrong for professors to purposely assign homework over break.

"If they give us a project well in advance then that's fine, because you can chose when you want to do it, but I don't think it should be allowed purposely. Thanksgiving break should be a time to spend with family," she said.

Buck Thornton, a junior public relations major, doesn't like to use the break to catch up unless he has a big project due, and usually he likes to have his work done before break.

"I don't think we should be given big projects to do over break...One thing I hate is midterms or big test after break, because it ruins the break," Thornton said "Everything should be two weeks before hand or one week after break so that everyone could have a nice holiday."

Choirs fill chapel with voices during the weekend

By Joselyn Parker
Campus Writer

Voices were lifted in Wallace Chapel the weekend of Nov. 19 as the Men's and Women's choirs held their concert on Friday, with the Concert and Chamber choirs holding their concert the following Sunday.

Every year, each of the four choirs perform concerts to showcase some of the Music Department's finest voices.

The Men's choir, which is made up of 24 students, is directed by Dr. Robin Lind. During the musical evening, they took the stage first performing 5 of their 9 songs. During their first set they featured solos by first year students Joel Montgomery and David Timm, in a song called "Spiritual."

"We have been preparing for this concert since the first week of school," Lind said. "The kids have worked really hard for this."

The Women's choir, which is made up of 57 students, is directed by Dr. Kris Timm. They followed the Men's performance singing seven songs and featuring solos by junior, Nikky Douglass singing, "Like a Tree" and senior, Lisa Santoriella singing, "Breath of Heaven."

The concert ended with the two choirs combining for two songs. The first song, "Live A Humble," featured junior Sara Caveglia and first year student Clark Young. The choirs finalized the night with a Modern Gospel tune called, "Worthy to be Praised."

"I heard the choirs sing last year and they were great," said sophomore Nicole Fee. "They were even better this year."

The following Sunday, the Concert choir and Chamber singers performed their concert, which was also held in the chapel. Both groups are directed by Lind.

The concert choir, made up of 48 students started the program. They finished with a total of eleven songs. Junior Stephanie Nicholson sang a solo during the song, "Magnificat" while Montgomery sang the tenor solo for "Haneirot Hanalu."

The Chamber singers are made up of 16 members of the Concert choir. They sang a total of seven songs for the evening and featured a solo by junior, Shannon McClain singing a Duke Ellington classic, "Come Sunday." For the closing number, Young played the string bass to a song called, "Ya Ba Bom" which means, "There shall be Peace."

The crowd erupted into cheer as both choirs exited the stage after a long night of music.

"It's a great feeling knowing that you have touched people's hearts doing the very thing you love to do," Douglass said.

In January the Concert choir will be touring in Florida, performing the songs from the recent concert.

For more information on the choirs contact Dr. Lind, ext. 7278 or Dr. Harper, ext. 2610.

SGA to host Christmas party

By Jeff Brownlee
Campus Writer

On Tuesday Dec. 7 the Student Government Association will be holding their second annual Christmas Party in the clubroom of McKelvey Student Center from 7p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Christmas party is free of charge and is open to all students on campus. Food will be provided throughout the night. There will also be some games, such as a cookie-decorating contest and prize giveaways.

"I was at last years SGA Christmas party and it was a lot of fun. This year it sounds like it will be so much better and even more fun," junior Jennifer Neely said.

SGA hopes the party will be an even bigger success than last year, and will draw in even more people. This year's party will offer more to do than last year's party.

Many of the SGA senators are confident that there will be a large amount of people in attendance.

"This will be SGA's second Christmas Party and I hope it will be as big of a success as it was last year. It's free to attend and there is going to be lots of food and prizes so I hope everyone will attend," said SGA Special Events chair, Nicole Undanis.

The SGA has spent a lot of time working on this party and setting everything up to get ready for December 7.

"This year's Christmas party is going to be a blast," said SGA Academics chair, Colter McElree. "People will regret not going to the party once they find out how much fun others had while at the party."

Sophomore Anthony Beilstein had similar views when he said, "This is my first year here at Westminster and the SGA Christmas party sound like a great thing to do. I know this would help me get into the Christmas spirit for sure."

Young Presbytarian Scholars offer campus opportunity to purchase alternative gifts

By Dan Prokop
Campus Writer

The Young Presbyterian Scholars are hosting the Alternative Gift Market in McKelvey Campus Center on Dec. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Alternative Gift Market is a way for people to help other countries and buy Christmas presents for those on their list who are hard to buy for. There are several booths set up by students of the Young Presbyterian Scholars that have information about what is available to buy.

According to Carey Anne Meyer-LaSor, the coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars program, shares of projects can be purchased for as low as one dollar. One share of a project, for example, would buy three square feet of land for people known as "untouchables," people who have leprosy or other diseases that have caused them to be excluded from communities.

"I think that it is a great way to buy Christmas gifts for people and support a good cause at the same time," junior Megan Hoagland said.

There are 32 projects that will be represented at the market. Some of them include Blankets for Recovery in North Korea; Purify Water with Solar Power in Tanzania; Revive the Rainforest in Chile; Breaking the Silence; AIDS & Women's Rights in Kenya; and Back to School in Iraq.

"The members of Young Presbyterian Scholars will be at the booths," Meyer-LaSor said. "They have done research to explain the projects, and they can show people what their purchase does to help."

After a purchase is made, there are several cards to choose from that will include a full description of the project.

"When you buy a share or item, you can get the card personalized by a calligrapher for the person whose name you're making the donation in," freshman Amy Whitling said.

There will also be items available to purchase from the New Wilmington Presbyterian SERRV which represents crafts from 33 third-world countries

Doubles

Campus doubles confuse students

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"All my life it's been unique for me to have the last name Dymond. It's weird for there to be another one here."
-Chris Dymond

school I got his (Dymond's) schedule for classes," Diamond said. He added, "It kind of freaked me out. They even gave me the key for his mailbox."

Sara A. Miller and Sarah L. Miller experience misunderstandings because the only difference between their names is the letter "h."

"Actually, it's not as bad this year as it was last year," S.A. Miller said. "I guess people started to realize that there were two of us," she said.

S.A. Miller, 21, is a senior from Jeannette, Pa. She is on the volleyball team and is a member of Pi Sigma Pi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Sexual Assault Task Force.

S.L. Miller, 20, is a junior from Bellevue, Pa. and is involved with Kappa Delta Pi, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the women's track and field team.

The "student doubles" work together to forward appropriate messages to each other.

"It is a compromise because if I mess with her stuff, who knows when she'll receive something that is of importance to me!" A.A. Young said.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 43	High 46	High 50	High 48	High 39	High 39	High 41
Low 32	Low 38	Low 42	Low 34	Low 24	Low 28	Low 27
Clouds and sun with flurries	Partly sunny	Cloudy, p.m. rain possible	A couple of showers possible	Mostly cloudy with flurries	Sunny to partly cloudy	Cloudy spells with flurries

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Sunday	7:31 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Monday	7:32 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Wednesday	7:34 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
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Sunday	12:04 a.m.	1:19 p.m.
Monday	1:08 a.m.	1:40 p.m.
Tuesday	2:15 a.m.	2:02 p.m.
Wednesday	3:25 a.m.	2:26 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 26

Weather History

The three coldest months run from Dec. 5 to March 5 when the year is divided into four equal parts based on average temperature.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	40	32	sf	43	34	pc	43	36	r	46	32	sh	38	23	c
Butler, PA	42	30	sf	46	35	pc	44	38	r	52	33	sh	41	25	c
Cambridge, OH	46	32	pc	50	34	pc	49	39	r	51	33	sh	42	25	c
Canton, OH	41	32	sf	45	34	pc	45	37	r	48	32	sh	39	24	c
Cincinnati, OH	48	34	s	52	39	s	53	42	r	50	32	r	42	24	pc
Clarion, PA	38	30	sf	43	33	pc	46	35	r	50	36	sh	39	24	c
Clarksburg, WV	45	31	sh	48	34	pc	51	40	r	56	35	r	45	25	pc
Cleveland, OH	46	35	sh	47	36	pc	48	37	r	47	34	sh	40	25	c
Columbus, OH	45	32	pc	48	37	s	50	39	r	49	33	r	40	25	c
Cumberland, MD	41	32	sf	47	33	pc	49	38	r	53	37	sh	46	27	pc
Erie, PA	46	37	sh	47	37	pc	48	38	r	50	34	r	42	27	c
Franklin, PA	39	30	sf	42	33	pc	46	35	r	51	36	r	38	24	c
Greensburg, PA	43	34	sf	46	37	pc	49	40	r	51	38	sh	43	27	c

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	42	32	sf	43	36	pc	45	36	r	50	35	sh	38	23	sf
Grove City, PA	40	30	sf	44	34	pc	45	37	r	52	35	sh	40	24	sf
Hagerstown, MD	44	32	pc	50	35	pc	50	37	r	53	38	r	49	28	pc
Indiana, PA	43	34	sf	48	38	pc	48	40	r	54	37	r	46	27	c
Jamestown, NY	36	31	sf	41	34	pc	43	39	r	48	35	r	38	23	pc
Kittanning, PA	42	33	sf	48	37	pc	47	40	r	53	36	sh	44	27	c
Lisbon, OH	43	33	sf	44	36	pc	45	37	r	49	34	sh	40	24	c
Mansfield, OH	44	32	pc	45	34	pc	46	34	r	44	29	sh	38	22	c
Marietta, OH	47	33	pc	50	35	pc	49	41	r	52	37	r	44	27	pc
McKeesport, PA	42	30	sf	48	36	pc	48	38	r	52	34	sh	42	27	c
Meadville, PA	40	31	sf	44	35	pc	45	35	r	47	35	sh	36	24	c
Morgantown, WV	47	32	sh	48	36	pc	49	43	r	56	37	r	45	28	c
New Castle, PA	43	32	sf	46	38	pc	49	41	r	51	35	sh	40	25	sf

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Oil City, PA	39	32	sf	43	34	pc	46	36	r	51	37	sh	39	24	c
Pittsburgh, PA	44	30	pc	50	38	pc	48	42	r	52	34	sh	43	25	c
Sharon, PA	43	33	sf	44	37	pc	47	37	r	51	35	sh	39	24	sf
Somerset, PA	36	30	sf	43	32	pc	44	35	r	48	33	sh	39	23	c
Steubenville, OH	44	32	sh	48	36	pc	47	39	r	50	33	sh	42	25	c
Uniontown, PA	45	32	sh	49	35	pc	49	40	r	54	36	sh	44	26	c
Warren, OH	43	33	sf	44	36	pc	46	37	r	50	35	sh	41	24	c
Washington, PA	42	30	sf	49	33	pc	47	36	r	51	35	sh	42	25	c
Waynesburg, PA	45	31	sh	49	34	pc	48	39	r	53	36	sh	43	26	c
Wheeling, WV	44	32	pc	48	36	pc	47	38	r	50	34	sh	42	25	c
Youngstown, OH	43	33	sf	43	36	pc	45	36	r	52	35	r	40	24	c
Wooster, OH	44	30	pc	45	33	pc	46	34	r	46	33	sh	38	23	c
Zanesville, OH	47	31	pc	50	34	pc	50	39	r	51	33	r	42	24	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Towering Titans return

Men's basketball looking to pick up where it left off at the end of last season

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Titans' mens basketball team captured the President's Athletic Conference title in 2003-2004.

However, it wasn't until mid-season that the Titans discovered a secure and successful team identity.

After stumbling to a 2-8 start, head coach Larry Ondako and his staff implemented a high-tempo scheme that teamed a run-and-gun offense with a full-court pressure defense.

The results were dramatic and instant as the Titans reeled off wins in 13 of their last 17 games en route to their first ever PAC title.

In those 17 games, the Titans averaged 102.4 points per game.

If the early season results are indicative of anything it is that the Titan coaches must have been on to something last season.

"Our depth and experience are the keys to our start and our continued success," Ondako said. "Our returning players have played at a high level. The new players have also provided more off the bench than we had last year."

Returning all five starters, all of whom earned some level of All-PAC recognition, the Titans have opened the 2004-2005 campaign with a 4-1 record.

Their successes include a tournament win at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational and a second place finish in the Buzz Ridl Classic.

The Titans are averaging over 113 points a game. In the season opener, they posted 131 points in a victory over Hiram-the total set a school record for team scoring in a single game.

The Titans' fast start can be attributed to two things: hustle and teamwork.

On a team rich with talent, the Titans can beat their opponents in a lot of ways, but this season, they've been doing it with balance.

In other words, almost every player has stepped up when his number has been called.

In the Buzz Ridl Classic, juniors, guard Mark DeMonaco and forward Dom Joseph, earned All-Tournament laurels.

Game three marked the emergence of freshman Craig Hannon, a Union H.S. product. Hannon appears to be developing into a key role-playing scored off the bench.

In the CMU Invitational, senior guard Ed Pagley earned the Tournament MVP, while senior forward Pat O'Connor played his way onto the All-Tournament team.

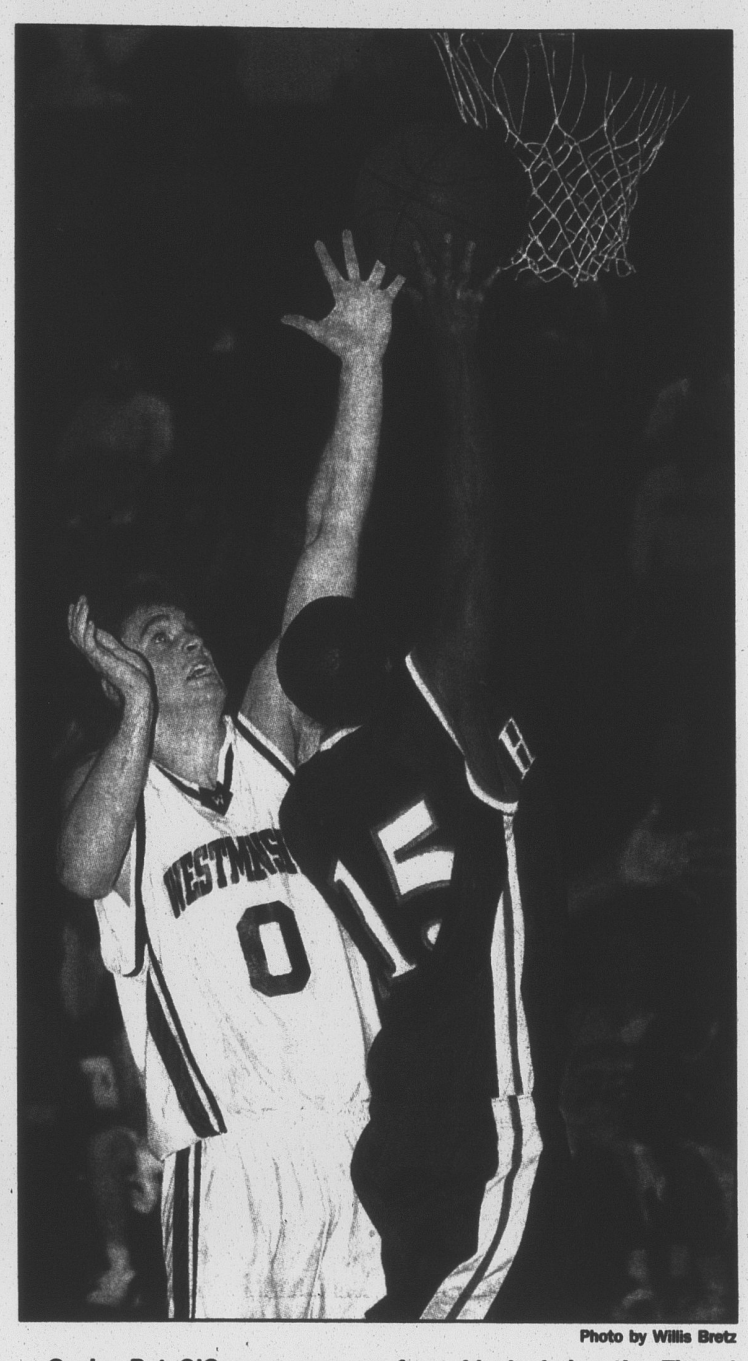
Also, the Titans have gotten quality minutes from senior guard Chris Hatch, junior guard Brian Fadden, and junior forward Micah Delo.

Undoubtedly, in the 2004-2005, the Titans have sprinted out of the gate in much the same way that they ran to the finish line last season.

Coach Ondako has seemingly found a recipe for success here in New Wilmington. Despite not having a true big man, the Titans have found a way to win.

"The lack of a player over 6"4 lead to us playing the way we do," Ondako said. "The big men we get in the next year or two will need a lot of work before we can think of diverting from this plan of attack."

Last season, the Titans did not post win number three until after the New Year. This season, they posted their third win before December 1st.



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Senior Pat O'Connor goes up for a block during the Titans' match-up against Hiram November 19.

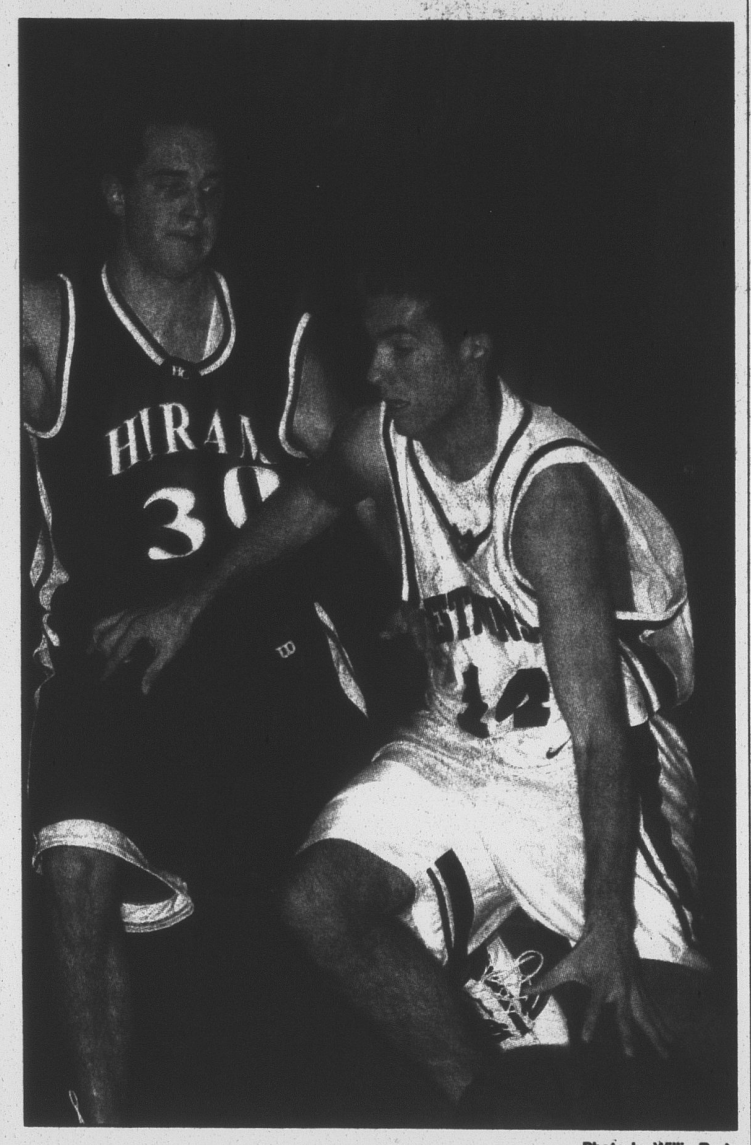


Photo by Willis Bretz

Freshman Brian Urso drives the ball to the hoop as the Titans took on Hiram on November 19. The Titans won 131-101.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Good sportsmanship: Where have you gone?

The weekend before Thanksgiving was defiantly one for the books to say the least. If you don't know what I'm talking about, let me review the events. It all began on Friday night at the Pistons and Pacers game, were several players were suspended for a brawl that involved the spectators in the arena. The next day, in what I would call a tragic end to Lou Holtz's coaching career, a bench clearing slugfest happened before the Clemson and South Carolina football game got out of hand. Finally, the Sunday prior, there was an altercation before the Browns and Steelers game where Joey Porter and William Green were ejected for a fight prior to the contest. This really raises a lot of questions about where athletics is headed and also, where has sportsmanship gone?

I had the opportunity to sit down with Mr. Dalfer the other day and he had some good advice for all of us. "Those particular events are not typical of the hundreds and thousands of athletic contests that weekend. Along with that, there were many unnoticed examples of good sportsmanship however those two incidents (Friday and Saturday) are deplorable. Two incidents are two too many." I can't agree with him more. I am a firm believer that a few bad apples ruin the bunch. It's a shame that the only time sportsmanship is noticed, is when there is a lack of it. It seems that some athletes need to involve themselves in a physical altercation to prove what kind of man they are.

Coach Dalfer told me that he hates hearing about any individual on campus getting any trouble on campus of any sort. "I would tell my guys that I didn't want to hear of any kind of trouble in the dorms what so ever. I would also tell them to prove how much of a man they were by their play in the games." Once again I cannot disagree with that. There was a prime example of that during the Louisville- Cincinnati football game this past Saturday. Cincinnati tired to provoke the Louisville team by "breaking it down" on their team emblem before the game. It would have been easy for them to retaliate and fight right there on the spot. They just used it as fuel. They stuck to their guns and routed the Bearcats 70-7. Most of all, they were true examples of what sportsmanship and teams ought to be.

Another question is who is to be held accountable for the decline in sportsmanship? I really think I got part of the answer to the question from Titan football coach Gary Krohl. "The value of sportsmanship has declined. The professional sports industry pays immature adults way too much for being public icons." The money paid to these "adults" (I use that term loosely) is absurd. To make that kind of money, be in the public spot light, to be looked up to by young athletes and act like that is not right.

Sportsmanship for me is a big part of the game. When there are actions like fighting or taunting that occur before, during or after a game, it takes away from the ability, hard work and dedication it takes to play. I am a firm believer that the student athletes on this campus are a prime example of what sportsmanship is. It's part of the Titan Tradition and I am proud to say I am a part of it.

Tom is a junior Political Science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Lady Titans strong with 3-1 record

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans raised their record to 3-0 last Tuesday with a win over Marietta College, 56-32. The Titans did not trail once in the contest and began the game impressively with an 18-4 lead.

The ladies kept the lead into half as they were ahead by a score of 25-12. The defense picked up in the second half and would not let Marietta get any closer then 10 as the Titans preserved the victory.

Leading the way for the ladies was Sophomore Desiree Sterling. She came through with a game high fifteen point. Senior Erica Tallo chipped in with twelve points and added a game high nine rebounds with five steals. Senior Alyson Gasper helped the team with five steals as well. No Marietta player was able to crack double digest in the point column.

The team suffered its first setback of the season Monday night, as a game-winning jumper with three seconds to play to lifted Mount Union College to a 69-67 win over the Lady Titans in non-conference action.

In a tightly contested first half, Westminster held its biggest lead at 17-12 with 8:22 to play. The Purple Raiders rallied late in the period, outscoring the Lady Titans to take a 37-32 lead into halftime.

Sophomore guard Nicole Fee hit a jumper with 58 seconds to play to break a 65-65 tie and put Westminster on top 67-65. However, Mount Union answered to tie the game with 32 seconds to play. The Purple Raiders then forced a Lad yTitan turnover with 23 seconds left.

Leading the Lady Titan offense was Tallo with a team-high 14 points, followed by Fee who tied her career-high with 13 points off the bench.

Senior forward Mary Jane Eaton grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for Westminster, while Gasper dished out a game-high five assists and Tallo added a team-best four steals.

The Lady Titan cagers return to the hardwood this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at the Bethany Holiday Classic in Bethany, W.Va. Westminster will face NAIA member Point Park on Friday, then will face Mount St. Joseph on Saturday.

Men's basketball posts fourth straight win, 109-99, over Penn State-Behrend

The men's basketball team buried 22 three-pointers en route to its fourth consecutive win tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Titan cagers improved to 5-1 on the season with a 109-99 non-conference victory over visiting Penn State-Behrend (1-3).

The Lions were firing on all cylinders to start the game, as Behrend raced to a 13-point lead just 7:17 into the contest. Trailing 22-10 with 11:49 left in the half, Westminster rallied to outscore PS-B 44-21 the rest of the period and take a 54-43 advantage into halftime.

The Titans led by 17 points with 7:35 to play in the game when Behrend made a 12-3 run to cut the lead to eight points with 5:35 left. However, Westminster answered with a 10-2 run of its own to build the lead back to 16 points with 2:41 left.

The Lions would cut the lead to eight points again with 55 seconds left, but would get no closer as the Titans made 6-of-8 free throws in the final minute.

Five Titans reached double figures in scoring, led by junior guard Mark DeMonaco with game-high totals of 28 points and five assists. DeMonaco shot 8-of-9 from the field, including 7-of-8 from three-point range, and 5-of-6 from the line.

Senior guard Ed Pagley also connected on seven treys en route to 22 points. Seniors Pat O'Connor and Chris Hatch each added 18 markers, with O'Connor snaring a game-high 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the campaign.

Junior guard Brian Fadden rounded out the double-digit scoring parade with 11 markers off the bench. Behrend had four players score in double figures, led by Tom Lulich with 24 points.

Both teams had outstanding shooting nights, as Behrend shot 57 percent from the field while Westminster connected at a 54 percent clip. The difference was beyond the arc, as the Titans hit 22-of-50 treys (44 percent) to 10-of-23 (44 percent) for PS-B. Behrend outrebounded Westminster 38-31, while the Titans committed just 10 turnovers to 17 for the Lions.

The Titans host Allegheny College next on Dec. 8.

Swim teams take on Wooster in dual meets

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

Both the men and women's swim teams were in action over break as they had dual meets against the College of Wooster. The men remain unbeaten on this young season with a 127-104 victory. This win adds to their overall record, which is now 4-0. However, the ladies did not have such an easy time with the Scots as they fell 122-101. This loss drops their record to 2-2 overall.

For the men, Sophomore Ryan Trunk was once again a triple winner in both the 50 and 500-meter freestyle. Trunk also swam the lead leg for the winning 200-meter freestyle team. Junior Josh Hensler was a double winner in the 200-meter freestyle and in the 200- meter breaststroke.

The ladies were led out Freshman Stephanie Peters who won the 100-meter freestyle and was the anchor leg in the victorious 200 -meter freestyle team. Sophomore Amy Wirtz was a winner in the 200-meter butterfly and Freshman Becky Giles brought home first in the 200-meter individual medley.

Both teams return to Wooster for the Wooster Invitational.

Changes announced for 2004-05 basketball schedules

The athletic department has announced several changes to the 2004-05 men's and women's basketball schedules, which have taken place since the printing of the school's basketball schedule cards.

The men's basketball game against Allegheny College, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7, has been moved to Wednesday, Dec. 8, due to a scheduling conflict. The game will remain a 7:30 p.m. tipoff at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium in New Wilmington.

The home dates for the men's & women's basketball doubleheaders with PAC rival, Thiel College, have been reversed, due to a wrestling conflict at Thiel. Thiel will now play at Westminster on Wednesday, Jan. 19, while Westminster will play at Thiel on Wednesday, Feb. 9, opposite the home sites listed on the schedule cards. Both doubleheader times will remain unchanged, with the women's game starting at 6 PM, followed by the men's contest at approxiamtely 8 PM, on both dates.

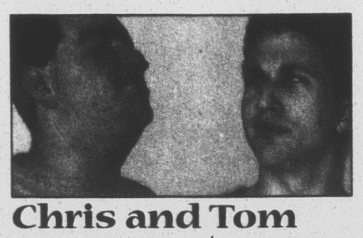
Froelich given regional team honors

Football standout Scott Froelich has been selected to the 2004 NCAA Division III All-South Region Second Team by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette.

Froelich, senior running back, rushed 266 times for 1,351 yards and 14 touchdowns for the Titans in 2004, as he led the PAC in rushing for the second straight season. He added 15 receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown, while also completing 2-of-3 passes for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Arts & Entertainment

Alexander vs. SpongeBob: Who ruled Thanksgiving?



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Tom: Have you ever gone to see a movie, just hoping that the film would be good despite all the odds appearing to be against it? Well, similar feelings for Alexander abound, but even wishful thinking cannot save this mess of a movie.

What is most shocking is the complete decline in Oliver Stone's work over the past decade after his extraordinary success with Platoon, Born on the Fourth of July, and JFK. Stone seems to have lost something here, as Alexander is a film without any sort of vision or purpose.

Alexander the Great was the legendary king of Macedonia in the 300's B.C. who led his nation on a conquest of most of the known world at that time. He united much of the world, and allowed for the spread of knowledge which changed the course of history forever.

Now this is clearly an important man with a great story to tell, so how does Oliver Stone mess this up? Well, one of the most important parts of any biopic or historical film is determining what parts of the story must be told and what parts can be left out.

Being one of the writers, Stone decides to leave out a large portion of Alexander's life involving him becoming king and starting his conquest of half of his future kingdom.

The audience has to jump from Alexander being a prince under his father to being king and leading his men into battle against the Persians.

How are we to believe in this man, if we do not understand how he grasped all of his power?

As for direction, Stone moves his camera so much at times, that the audience cannot understand clearly what is happening.

Stone seems to think that using extreme close-ups all of the time will help the audience identify with the characters, but really these shots seem imposing and overwhelming especially during battle scenes. Stone seems to have intended that the film be grand and large in scope, when it just comes off as over-dramatic and emotionless.

This explains why all of the actors seem to be over-the-top. Stone manages to waste Anthony Hopkins and Christopher Plummer, while attempting to make a miscast Colin Farrell believable; dark eyebrows and all. Farrell does what he can, after all he is certainly a very talented actor, but perhaps in a different director's hands he could have been more believable.

One of the most talked about aspects of the film is the depiction of Alexander's bisexuality. For a major studio film, the dialogue is fairly frank about Alexander and his love for his companion Hephaistion (Jared Leto).

However, during an emotional scene the two would just end up hugging, when a kiss would have happened in reality. I guess that may be too much to ask for, except for the fact that Alexander does kiss a man, but of course, it is with a man that is meant to look like a woman.

Why must Alexander only be allowed to like the feminine male servants rather than one of his masculine military comrades? True, there is Hephaistion, but even he has long hair and eye makeup to make him appear feminine.

Hollywood may think it is breaking new ground with this storyline, but it only perpetuates the stereotypes more and more.

Alexander does have a few good qualities, such as an excellent score by Vangelis, who wrote the infamous theme to Chariots of Fire.

The beginning of the film is certainly stronger, with Val Kilmer and Angelina Jolie as Alexander's parents. Both of these actors have fun with their roles which actually work being played over-the-top.

However, that is about all of the positive comments that can be made. The film drags on and on for almost three hours, as the ending never seems to come. When Alexander finally lies on his death bed, we do not feel any sadness for this great man, because after all this time, we still do not understand him.

Stone does not allow us to see the inside of this man's soul, therefore, we cannot learn anything more about this man than what any history book can already tell. Stone's debacle gets a big fat obnoxious D.

Chris: Like most of us, I did not have time to waste three hours on a bad movie. So taking Tom's advice, I ventured to see the obvious hit of the season: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie. For the past three weeks we have reviewed animated films. The Incredibles was a hit all around. The Polar Express, despite some scary animation (but faithful to the book), was aimed at children. Well, SpongeBob is too, yet somehow we all are drawn to him in one way or another. There are the few that hate the character but for the most part he is endeared by audience. Not willing to risk that factor, The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie is essentially a 90 minute television episode.

The film begins with SpongeBob being shafted by Mr. Krabs when Squidward is named the new manager of the Krusty Krab 2 instead of our hero. Still, the new store is a success, and the envious Plankton enforces Plan Z to take of Bikini Bottom. Therefore it is up to SpongeBob and Patrick to save the day.

If you enjoy the television show, you will enjoy the movie. If you don't, pass this film up. This review may be quick but really it's all you need to say. For a extended television show that charges at least $5.00, this film is really a B movie. However, considering the climax involved a series of 80's tributes the movie is bumped up to a B+.

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Ghost of Christmas presents: Your holiday gift guide

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Ah yes, 'tis that season again! 'Tis the season to want to rip out the throat of that jerk who got the last copy of "Saved By the Bell" on DVD. 'Tis the season for another crappy Tim Allen movie to emerge in which we watch the same hackneyed and overplayed jokes that made his sitcom about as much fun a root canal. 'Tis the season for my dad to irritate the entire family by pointing out that though the decorations took hours to put up, they'll just be coming down again in a few weeks. Yes, Thanksgiving has come and gone and it 'tis the season of Christmas.

And like every Christmas, we can all sit around and focus on what is really important. For what is Christmas really but a huge birthday celebration for one of the most important people that has ever existed? Yes folks, I am of course referring to our yearly celebration of the birth of Santa Claus. And when we talk of Santa, we're talking, of course, about presents.

This week, I hope to shed some light on the latest trends in holiday gift giving and make fun of many of the items in the process. So come on! Hop aboard the Sarcastic Express as we take a trip through the world of holiday shopping.

Now I remember asking for a puppy every single year for Christmas as a child, but now children have the opportunity to have a non-living robotic friend instead. One of the hottest toys this year is the "Robosapien," which looks like a combination of the annoying robot from "Lost in Space" and something out of that horrible Will Smith movie "I, Robot." Now its makers laud Robosapien as a "fusion of technology and personality" that "marks a tremendous advance in remote activated robotic function."

"What are these amazing functions?" you may be asking dear reader. Well the Robosapien can walk, throw things and "dance and groove."

Did you hear that? Dance and groove. We've had robots that could dance (like the break-dancing robot that caught on fire on the "Gong Show") and we've had robots that could groove ("Max Headroom" anyone?), but never before such a "fusion" of dancing and grooving! We are truly living in an amazing age. All in all, this is a $150 Tamogochi that walks and "grooves."

Another hot toy this year, and by hot I mean sort of lukewarm like a light bulb, is the Hershey 'Smores Maker. Now you can all the fun of camping food without the irritating mess of actually having to go outside, build a fire and experience life.

You and your friends can sit in the comfort of you family room on Christmas day sitting next to Uncle Pete talking about his colonoscopy and eat marshmallows that were "toasted" on a light bulb with a plastic twig.

And after that you can hop in your sleeping bag and pretend that that weird rasping/breathing noise is a bear and not just cousin Frank passed out from eggnog.

Or what about "Moon Shoes?" You remember these little wonders, which looked like so much fun on TV, but in reality if you weighed more than 30 pounds you sank when you put them on.

Well Moon Shoes are considered another "hot toy" and with a price upwards of $50 you may feel a bit hot around the collar. It seems that if you want to break your face there are much more cost effective means such as jumping off a ladder or going to an NBA game.

In the end, perhaps Christmas is about more than just presents and a chance to bump a sagging economy. But then again, perhaps not.

So my recommendation this year is to forgo the holiday anxiety and murderous tendencies of shopping and just give money.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theater. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

Mark your calendars and set the VCR for these Christmas shows and movies

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES - It's come to this: Even Frosty has a DVD out. "Frosty the Snowman" is among the cartoons included in the newly released "The Original Television Christmas Classics." So is the TV tradition of packing December with hours of holiday nostalgia over?

Nope.

Broadcasters and cable channels still believe in the season's magical power to attract viewers, even the umpteenth showing of "It's a Charlie Brown Christmas" and with commercials.

While tradition is pre-eminent, there are a few twists to be found. Case in point: "A Very Queer Eye Christmas," on Bravo Dec. 7, in which the plucky makeover men play Santa's helpers for the holiday challenged.

"A Christmas Carol," a musical version of Dickens' tale of a second chance at life, wins instant-TV classic status. Repeating on NBC Dec. 24 after its November debut, the handsome production stars Kelsey Grammer as a worthy Scrooge.

Among the highlights...

Animation:

"Frosty the Snowman," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, CBS. Once just a snowman, now a legend. Jimmy Durante provided the narration, with the voices of Jackie Vernon as Frosty and Billy De Wolfe as the professor.

"Cartoon Alley," 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, TCM. The series debuts with holiday-themed "Peace on Earth" (1939), a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and 1941's Tom and Jerry short "The Night Before Christmas."

"A Charlie Brown Christmas," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, ABC. Charlie looks tries to find the spirit of Christmas in a haze of materialism in the digitally remastered 1965 special.

"Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, WB. Grandma is missing and Jake sets out to find her and prove Santa exists in a special based on the unlikely hit song.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, WB. Bitter old Grinch robs Whoville of the holiday in this 1966 adaptation of the Seuss classic. Boris Karloff is the Grinch and narrator.

"A Scooby-Doo Christmas," 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, WB. A destructive headless horseman deprives the town of Winter Hollow of holiday joy, until Scooby, Shaggy and the gang get involved.

"The Story of Santa Claus," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, CBS. The voices of Edward Asner, Betty White and Tim Curry are heard in this tale of a toymaker and his wife evicted from their shop by a mean landlord.

Movies:

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, ABC Family. Jim Carrey takes the larcenous title role in Ron Howard's version of the Dr. Seuss tale about the troubled residents of Whoville.

"Naughty Or Nice," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, ABC. George Lopez stars in "The Wonderful World of Disney" movie about a sports radio shock jock whose life takes a surprising turn after his big change of heart.

"Snow," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, ABC Family. Tom Cavanagh stars in a reinvention of the Santa Claus story, playing a man with both reindeer and romance issues. Ashley Williams co-stars.

"Karroll's Christmas," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, A&E. The ghosts of Christmas visit the wrong guy: greeting card writer Allen Karroll (Tom Everett Scott) in a comic approach to "A Christmas Carol."

"The Santa Clause" on "The Wonderful World of Disney," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, ABC. Tim Allen has a close encounter with Mr. Claus and finds himself in a new line of work.

"A Christmas Story, 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24, TBS. The annual 24 hour-marathon of Jean Shepherd's heartwarming and wry tale.

"A Christmas Carol," 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, NBC. A Hallmark Entertainment musical version of Dickens' classic tale stars Kelsey Grammer and features Jason Alexander and Jane Krakowski.

Stocking Stuffers:

"Chris Isaak Christmas, a Soundstage Special Event," 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, PBS. The pop singer puts his twist on classic holiday tunes with Stevie Nicks, Brian McKnight and Michael Buble.

"Holiday Windows," 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, HGTV. A behind-the-scenes peek as department stores including Macy's, Neiman Marcus and Harrods plan, build and install their holiday windows and displays.

"A Very Queer Eye Christmas," 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, Bravo. A family's appalling decorations, gift requirements and Christmas cliches bring the "Fab 5" team _ Carson, Ted, Thom, Kyan and Jai _ to the rescue.

"A Clay Aiken Christmas," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, NBC. Aiken of "American Idol" fame sings traditional carols with guests Barry Manilow, gospel singer Yolanda Adams and actress Megan Mullally.

"Entertainment Weekly's Holiday Movies," 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, AMC. Actor French Stewart presents a collection of funny and touching holiday movie moments, including infamous "holiday humbug."

'Finding Neverland' named year's top film by National Board of Review

By Christy Lemire
AP Movie Writer

NEW YORK - "Finding Neverland," the whimsical, wistful story of "Peter Pan" creator J.M. Barrie, topped the National Board of Review's list as the best film of 2004.

Jamie Foxx was named best actor for his convincing portrayal of Ray Charles in "Ray," and Annette Bening took the top female acting honors for "Being Julia," a showy role in which she plays an aging British stage star.

Annie Schulhof, president of the National Board of Review, described "Finding Neverland" as "visually magical."

"The group also felt the movie transported them to another time and place," Schulhof said Wednesday after the winners were announced. "I think all the elements hit the page for a best NBR film - the acting, the costumes, the set design, the music, and especially the cinematography."

No single film dominated the group's winners, although "Sideways," about best friends on a wine-tasting road trip, was honored in three categories: Thomas Haden Church won the supporting-actor award for his role as a swaggering, washed-up TV actor; director Alexander Payne and his writing partner, Jim Taylor, shared the adapted screenplay honors; and the film was listed among the group's 10 best of the year.

Laura Linney won the supporting-actress category for "Kinsey," in which she plays the wife of sex researcher Alfred Kinsey. The cast of "Closer" - Jude Law, Julia Roberts, Clive Owen and Natalie Portman - were honored for best acting by an ensemble.

The Pixar hit "The Incredibles," about a family of super heroes, was named best animated feature. "The Sea Inside," a Spanish film starring Javier Bardem as a quadriplegic fighting for his right to die, was the top foreign language film.

Michael Mann won the best-director award for "Collateral." Writer Charlie Kaufman's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," won for best original screenplay.

And Clint Eastwood received special filmmaking achievement honors for the boxing drama "Million Dollar Baby," which he directed, produced and stars in, and for which he composed the score.

The group's top 10, in order: "Finding Neverland," "The Aviator," "Closer," "Million Dollar Baby," "Sideways," "Kinsey," "Vera Drake," "Ray," "Collateral" and "Hotel Rwanda."

The No. 1 choice of "Finding Neverland," starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet, came as no big surprise to Tom O'Neil, host of the awards handicapping Web site GoldDerby.com.

"The board traditionally likes movies based on real-life characters and movies with literary credentials based on real-life characters, like 'The Hours' and 'Quills,'" O'Neil said.

"And they have certainly demonstrated that they have a profound impact on the Oscars," he added. "Halle Berry's win at the National Board of Review was the only major industry award she won in the Oscar home stretch."

But the organization _ traditionally the first to announce its top film picks each year _ doesn't always jibe with the eventual Academy Award winner. In recent years, the National Board has chosen "Mystic River," "The Hours," "Moulin Rouge" and "Quills," none of which won the best-picture Oscar. In 1999, however, it matched up with the Oscars, picking "American Beauty."

The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, formed 95 years ago, is composed of film historians, students and educators.

CALENDAR

December 03, 2004
9 AM - 4 PM PMEA District 5 Honor Band — Orr Auditorium
11:40 AM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel
5 PM - 6:30 PM Signups for FCA Flag Football
7:30 PM Student Recital: Erin Sabo — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: The John Pizzarelli Trio and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, "Happy Holidays" — Orr Auditorium
10 PM - 2 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre

December 04, 2004
District 5 Honors Band
9 AM - 3 PM Alternative Gift Market (sponsored by Young Presbyterian Scholars) — Berlin Student Lounge
9 AM - 4 PM PMEA District 5 Honor Band — Orr Auditorium
10:30 AM FCA Flag Football — Behind Softball Field
2 PM Classic Film Series: The Bishop's Wife — MCC Mueller Theatre
5:30 PM Students' Piano Recital: Lauren Garcia and Ashley Rexrode — Orr Auditorium
7 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
8 PM Circle K Snowball — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller

December 05, 2004
3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theatre
6:45 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
7 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — Patterson 311
8:30 PM Young Presbyterian Scholars Christmas Party
8:30 PM Kappa Delta Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller
9:30 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:30 PM Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — Hoyt 152

December 06, 2004
11 AM - 2 PM Sierra Student Coalition Rainforest Adoption — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7 PM Ski and Snowboard Club Meeting — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9 PM Monday Night Football: Dallas at Seattle — MCC Club
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

December 07, 2004
11 AM - 2 PM Sierra Student Coalition Rainforest Adoption — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:15 AM Eine Kleine Lunch-Musik Concert Series: Christmas Music — MCC Atrium
4 PM "Good News" Video Discussion Group — MCC Mueller Theater
5:30 PM SAA Meeting — Patterson 230
5:45 PM College Democrats — MCC 255
6:30 PM Chem Club — HSC Chem Lounge
7 PM - 9 PM SGA Christmas Party — MCC Club/Lounge
7 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: The Gods Must Be Crazy, Botswana, 1980 — MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

December 08, 2004
11 AM - 2 PM Sierra Student Coalition Rainforest Adoption — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
4:30 PM Holy Day Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
6 PM Green Party Meeting — PH 228
7 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9 PM Stargazing (weather permitting) — Roof of Hoyt Science Center
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

December 09, 2004
1:30 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting — Patterson 116
5 PM Seekers Executive Council Meeting — MCC 352
6 PM Corporate Info Session (Financial Dimensions, Inc.) — HSC 152
7 PM S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 352
7 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show (Reservations requested, ext. 7200) — 116 Hoyt
7:30 PM - 9 PM Real World: Greek Life — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
8 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 230
10 PM - 1 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

Last weeks's answers

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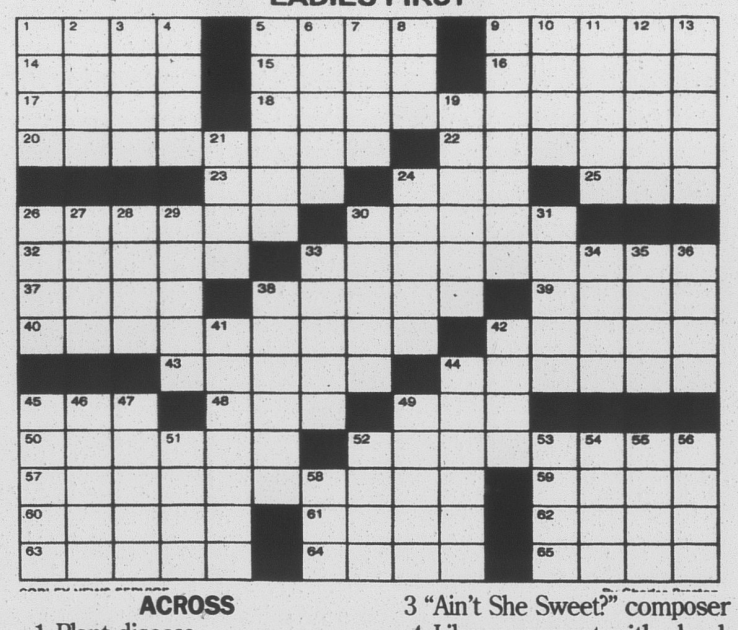

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid making a judgment call during a crazed or insane moment. Keep your head and get all of the correct facts before voicing your opinion.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It is time to get aggressive with your investment plans. Do not procrastinate or delay a bid for a promising new stock.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): A close relationship explodes with excitement. Play up the romance and woo your partner with a variety of surprises.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your patience tends to wear thin. Excuse yourself from a tedious task or refuse to wait for a co-worker who continuously holds you back.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Children will play an important role in your life. Plan for periods of time spent together this week filled with sporting or other entertaining activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Avoid losing your temper and in doing so, losing control of an emotional situation. Do your best to stay calm and candidly talk about your feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Play it smart, pay attention and think before you act this week. One incorrect or immoral move in the wrong direction could spell disaster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You have a tendency to spend more money than you make. Work to turn this habit around or be willing to accept the long-term consequences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your peers or contemporaries are in dire need of direction or motivation. Follow your heart and step up to take on a leadership role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Pay attention to an important message from your subconscious mind. Meditate and discover the core of ideas that form your beliefs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Club or group activity lead to exciting and fun-filled moments. Make some great new friends among the people you will meet.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Examine your career or status achieved and if you do not like what you see, this is a great time to make changes. Utilize your strengths.

Career Center
Christmas Open House

Monday, Dec. 6th
Stop anytime between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cookies, Punch & Good Cheer
3rd floor McKelvey

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Financial Dimensions
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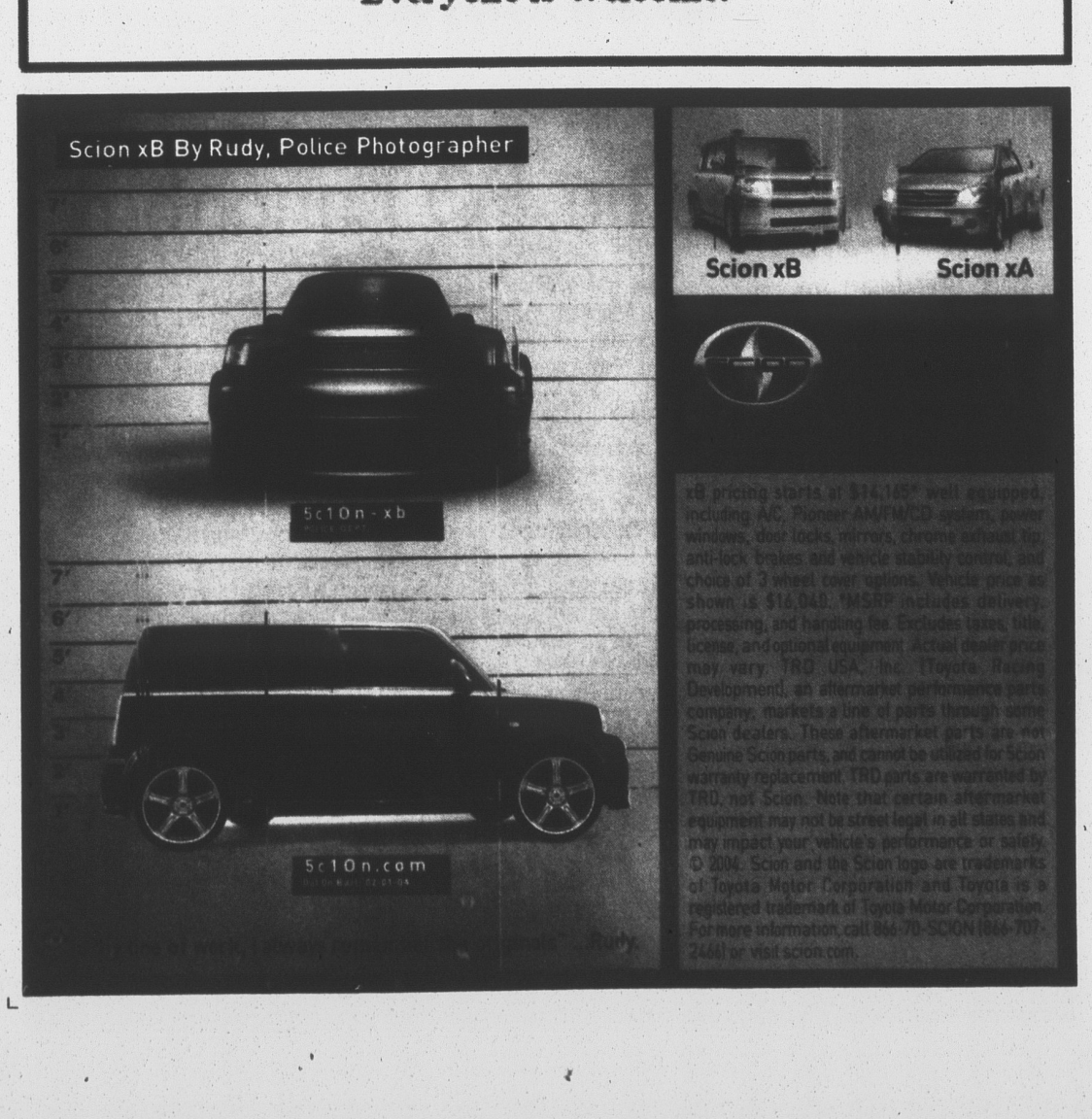
Everyone is Welcome!



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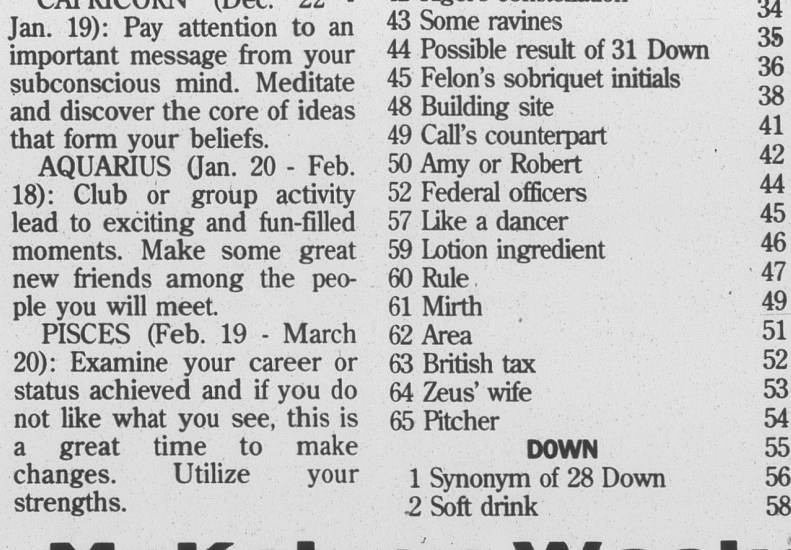


FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10pm-2am
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Circle K's
Snowball Dance
8:00 pm
Club Room/Berlin Lounge

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday 8:00 pm Friday 10:30 pm
Saturday 10:30 pm Saturday 8:00 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm Sunday 9:00 pm

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
Dallas vs. Seattle
9:00p.m.
Club Room

COMING SOON...
Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Dec. 4	Circle K's sponsors Snowball Dance
Dec. 10	Comic- Chris Newberg
Dec. 11	Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 22	Saturday Night Titan's Tavern
Jan. 28	Friday Night Titan's Tavern
Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr. 16	Relay for Life
Apr. 23	Swing and Sing
Apr. 30	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

Features

Pierced ears at 21

A right of passage for elementary school girls and now me

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

"Can I see your I.D.?" This is the question I was asked not when purchasing alcohol, but rather, getting my ears pierced for the first time.

On Sunday, the innocent, untainted lobes of my ears were punctured.

I, along with 7-year-old girls everywhere, have now begun the process of caring for the said lobes.

I have also begun to ponder why we purposely inflict wounds for the sake of fashion. Quite perplexing.

Ear piercing is not horrendously painful. In fact, I hardly noticed the pointed rod of metal being jammed in to my flesh.

Then, I stood up from my chair, and began to black out. That was fun. Seriously, the pain was minimal but the realization of what had just happened made me queasy.

How do all those infants do it? Here I was, 21, and toppling over.

(Side note: What's the deal with babies sporting earrings? I suppose to declare that the baby is a girl, or that the infant boy is way ahead of his time.)

I could barely live through an ear piercing, let alone any other form of bodily piercing.

So, I went to talk to those who could. Here are their stories to dazzle us.

Pierce it Like it's Hot

Lauren Anderson, now a senior, prepares for a belly button piercing her freshman year while Pat Sandora offers support. Anderson laughs, "It looks like I'm on my death bed."

Lauren Anderson: Belly button

"Getting my belly button pierced was my one rebel act in college, freshman year. I actually got my ears pierced after I had my belly button done. Anyway, Pat Sandora came with me and held my hand the whole time, like I was having major surgery or a child. I hadn't eaten much that day, because I was so nervous. When I got up and the guy was telling me how to clean it, I fell to the floor. The guy told me I was the first person he ever saw that fainted from a piercing. They fed me Mountain Dew; it was like my smelling salt."

Jen Cattaneo: Tongue

"I went to get my tongue pierced sophomore year with Amanda McAvoy. We both thought it would be interesting, something different. It didn't hurt when it was first pierced, but about 20 minutes later, it started to swell. That was nice. I couldn't eat all day. I proceeded to hide it from my parents for a month and a half. Once my mom saw it, she was all about it. My dad is still nauseated by it."

Nicky Kress: Nose

"My friend and I got our noses pierced around the same time. But I tried to hide it from my mom, so I would take mine out when I was at home. One day, my mom told me she liked my friend's nose piercing and told me that she thought I had one too. I asked her why, and she said: "Because I can see the hole in your nose." I didn't keep it hidden that well apparently."

Political Pong

When did this campus get so liberal/conservative?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Welcome back, faithful readers, all three of you! I hope your Thanksgiving was as delightful as mine, as I can now barely fit into any clothing I own. But let's get back into business.

Russ and I often debate about the political affiliation of this campus community. Since, as usual, we couldn't agree, we decided to put it into writing this week and let you make an informed decision. So here's my side.

Ok, let's be honest with ourselves here. "Liberal education" doesn't even begin to describe the atmosphere here at Westminster.

We'll first begin with the faculty. Most don't hide their political preference, and I don't believe they should have to.

We are big boys and girls, and we can handle a difference in opinion, both among ourselves and our educators. However, I do wish that we had a little more "variety" in our faculty.

For example, when choosing an advisor for the College Republicans, we had a choice of about three professors. Three.

Mind you, Dr. Castro is a great advisor, and I couldn't have asked for a better faculty member, but I can't even fathom the faculty pool the College Democrats or the Green Party could pull from in choosing their advisors. The mock election held on campus this year proves my point, as almost 60% voted Kerry.

Also, I have noticed that a few choice members of the faculty aren't exactly supportive of conservative groups such as the College Republicans and the CPU.

I thought this was a "liberal" institution, meaning that students can make an informed decision through exposure to both sides of every issue, not just the left. What are you faculty afraid of, that a college student may actually grow up to be educated and conservative?

Now for the students. Many will argue that the majority of students here at Westminster consider themselves to be conservative.

I will agree, when forced to answer the question of political affiliation, many students will grudgingly respond "Republican". But these are the students who are either politically naïve or just plain apathetic. They don't know what ideals and principles represent them, so they just spout off the political affiliation of their parents.

I'm supposed to chalk him or her up as one for the GOP? They don't even know what GOP stands for, and even more importantly, they didn't vote in this past election, as an overwhelming majority of the 18-24 voters went with the jackasses, I mean, donkeys.

Still I do have to argue that among the students here at Westminster, that are knowledgeable in the field of politics, most would consider themselves to be of the liberal persuasion.

For example, College Democrat membership doubled this year, and the Green Party's various events have earned praise and positive feedback from the student community. And did anyone else notice the barrage of anti-Bush literature and propaganda on campus in the weeks before the election?

This was certainly not the work of any political party on campus, which proves that students felt individually motivated enough to actually do some Democratic PR.

It's also very apparent in the classroom, as I find myself to be often outnumbered 10:1 and referred to as "the Republican." Yes, that's because normally I'm the only one, or at least the only one willing to admit it.

Finally, we must look at the general atmosphere of the College. Sure, we are a Presbyterian-affiliated school, which does put into place some generally "conservative" policies (the single sex dorms, the visitation hours, etc). But these are the policies of the past, which are desperately gripped by the donating alumni.

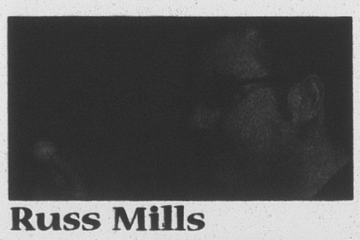
You will notice, however, that there is a movement by both the staff and students to change these and other conservative policies.

Not a year goes by that some students (who are often being secretly encouraged by faculty or administration) begin devising strategies or passing around petitions for coed housing or weekday unlimited visitation.

To quote Bob Dylan, "The times, they are a'changin'" and it's certainly not shifting to the policies of Bob Jones University.

Michael Moore is a campus hero, President Bush is considered to have an IQ of zero, and, according to the majority of this campus, I must have some sort of mental defect to be a Republican.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

I will begin this week's article with a simple question: Are you sick of Jess and I arguing national policies that really have nothing to do with you as a student here in tranquil New Wilmington? Well, we thought so. In order to satisfy your appetite for debate that impacts you, we decided to argue whether the college was conservative and liberal in its views as a whole. So here we go.

I will begin with a topic that Jess and I know a lot about: SGA. Jess is President and I am Vice-President of the Student Government Association that provides students with services and events paid for by the students' activity fee that all traditional students pay. SGA has begun to use the "Toilet Paper" to advertise events that it is promoting. Recently SGA said that it would allow a biblical quote to be placed on the toilet paper.

Now, I would not have a problem with this if various sources such as the Koran or the Torah were also quoted to show a respect to diversity on campus. This lack of consideration of other people's views (including those of Atheists) shows a movement to the conservative side. Also, SGA has recently made the Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn the student organization of the month, another sign that our school is conservative leaning.

Another area where Westminster is very conservative is when it comes to the administration and the policies that they dictate. It is absurd that the college is not planning to make the new "Senior Apartments" coed and is actually planning to spend more money to make two separate buildings in order to keep males and females from, get this, living together. Now I know our website makes it look like a bunch of 10-14 years-olds go to school here, but in reality we are 18-23 year olds who are adults and able to make out own decisions.

Our school provides students with right-wing rag newspapers, such as the Tribune Review. Also, any college that gives an honorary degree to Senator Rick Santorum, a man who compared homosexuality to bestiality, is a conservative institution which is only one step from becoming another Grove City College.

Every year Allies, the gay, lesbian, and transgender group on campus, sponsors jeans day to promote not homosexuality but tolerance. In the past, students of our fine conservative institution have chalked on campus such slurs as "Death to all Faggots" and "Jeans=Queer". This unwillingness to embrace diversity is another obvious sign that Westminster is a conservative institution.

When it comes to the classroom, I will agree with Jess and say that I am proud that we have liberal faculty on campus. This fact reassures me that they are in fact well educated and qualified to teach my classes (because the average liberal I.Q. is higher than the average conservative I.Q., hey it is a fact). I am also proud of professors who, in light of President Bush's nomination of Alberto Gonzales, protested in the McKelvey student center.

Now Jess will try you to convince you that she is outnumbered by liberal students in her classes. Well, seeing that Jess and I share many of the same classes I can say that this is simply not true. Liberal students are more open and opinionated that conservative students. In our classes most people are what I call "closet conservatives" (people who sit there with a mean face when I make a comment but have no comment to refute my points). These people are not really politically active, but are conservative in their beliefs and feel no need to express their opinions.

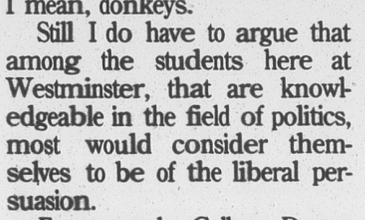
The final fact is that our college recruits students from many rich, affluent, conservative suburbs of Cleveland and Pittsburgh. There are very few inter-city students that come here. Additionally, there are very few students from other parts of the country who could bring diversity to our vanilla student population here at Westminster.

To conclude, I feel that Westminster is a place where Bob Jones and George Wallace would be proud to send their kids. (Rick Santorum would send his kids here if he lived in this state.) I do not see this makeup of the college changing soon because of the base of students we attract. The administration is making inroads into this conservative reputation by putting rainbow colored letters on the website, which hopefully will let fair mother Westminster shed her conservative school teacher's clothing for a leather mini-skirt and some pink stilettos.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

Why New Castle never ceases to amaze: The PO Lunchbox



Greg Smith
Food Critic

What do famous hot dogs, shady characters, and a packed bar at 3 o'clock in the afternoon have in common?

If you have no clue as to what links these elements together, don't worry.

If you guessed that all of these items could be found in New Castle, your guess is lukewarm. However, if you guessed that all three of these elements could be found at the PO Lunchbox in downtown New Castle, you are 100% correct.

The PO Lunchbox is an interesting and unique restaurant that embodies one of the best cultural experiences that New Castle has to offer.

In case you can't quite read the sarcasm in that last sentence let me share with you the type of exquisite dining experience you receive when you drop by the PO Lunchbox.

The PO Lunchbox insists on providing top notch services for the regular patrons of the establishment. This is clearly reflected in the fine parking facility which is provided free of charge. You are probably questioning as to why they would provide free parking, especially in a thriving metropolis such as New Castle.

Well, truth be told there is one slight drawback. No, it's not just the huge craters in the parking lot, it's actually the shady environment provided to park your car. I normally don't worry about someone stealing my car because it's kind of a beater, but when I pulled into the PO Lunchbox I actually made sure to double check that all of my doors were locked.

This is a sign that perhaps you might want to invest in a good security system for your vehicle before you stop by for a quick bite to eat.

However, if you are absolutely craving a "famous" hot dog or "specialty" sandwich from the PO Lunchbox, there is some good news. You can always roll up to the drive thru window! I know it may seem hard to believe that such convenience could be found at such a classy establishment, but remember it's easier to jack someone's car while they're sitting in it compared to when it's parked.

Once you make it past the parking lot you have hit the jackpot of all dining establishments. Upon entering the restaurant, you'll be greeted by a sign listing the daily specials.

However, I should warn you not to become too enchanted by the sign because you're going to need to seat yourself, a small fact that is overlooked and not mentioned.

Once you pick out the most the luxurious seat you better be prepared to order...from the top of your head because it appears that menus are a thing of the past. If you absolutely need a menu your waitress will be more than glad to bring you one.

One quick glance down the menu will wet your appetite for a Sodexho meal! Seeing as to how the average student is willing to compromise quality of food for cheaper prices, you place your order.

In under fifteen minutes your meal will arrive at the table and you'll be delighted... that you'll never have to step foot in the restaurant again.

Now I'm not suggesting that everything about the PO Lunchbox is bad. I am however stating the facts as I see them.

For example, one good thing about the PO Lunchbox is that they offer cheese sauce, but at the same time, that poor cheese sauce is served cold.

You see the problem really is that the PO Lunchbox operates off of a give-take relationship. An example of this relationship would be that the prices for a meal at the PO Lunchbox are cheap with the drawback being that the meal will lead you straight to the toilet.

So you're probably clamoring to know how the PO Lunchbox ranks on the good old Twinkie Scale. Let's review, "famous" hot dogs, shady characters, and a packed bar at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

I would have to give them a rating of 1.5 Twinkies. In my opinion the PO in the title says it all... if only they had room for an S.

Until next week keep on grubbin'.

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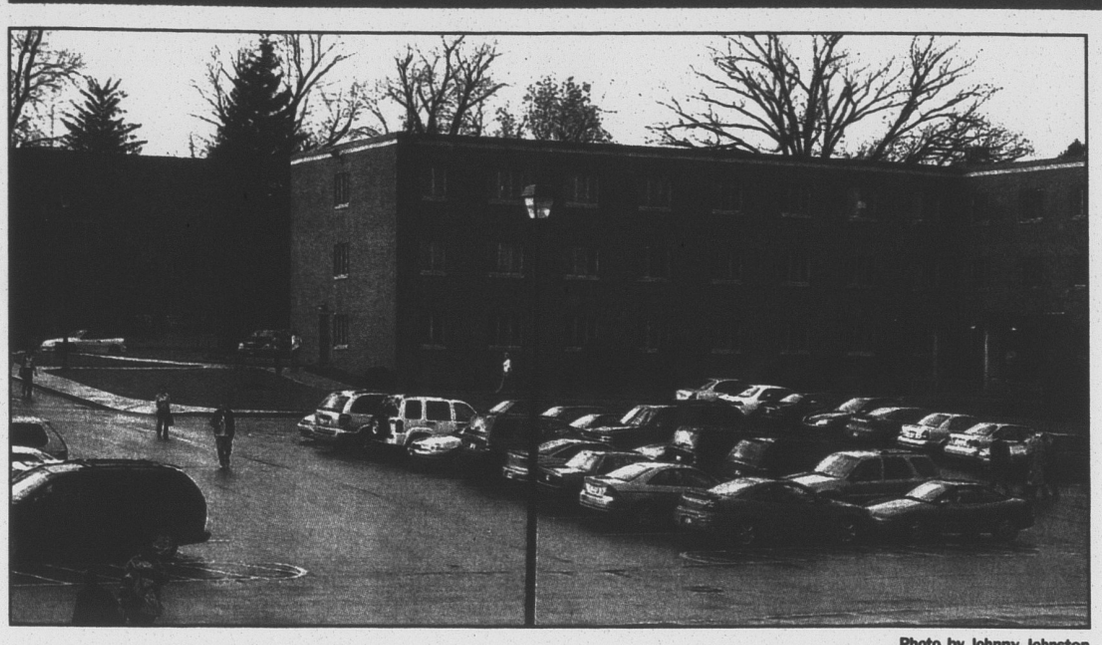

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Shaw residents are not permitted to park in the lot in front of their dorm. Rather, they park in the Minteer lot on the corner of Maple and Mercer Streets. However, next year, freshmen may not be able to park on campus at all.

'Lots' of labor

Parking continues to pose problems to SGA

By Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association proposed a new parking resolution Wednesday, Dec. 1 to keep students on campus and away from home.

The proposal would ban freshmen from having cars on campus and provide public transportation to locations such as Wal-Mart, Subway or Grove City.

"If there's anything that has been a constant pain in my backside for my last six years here it's parking," said Assistant Dean John Lechner.

Lechner approves of a parking plan that accounts for student seniority, and backs the segment of the proposal that asks for provided transportation to important locations. He explained that Westminster does not have proximity to restaurants, stores, or off-campus activities like many other area colleges with similar freshman policies.

The most recent changes to campus parking came last year when Lechner organized an ad-hoc parking committee and necessitated the parking decals now used extensively on campus. Lechner said this plan remains effective, provided there is universal cooperation from students.

The problems, Lechner explained, are a result of students who park where they are not supposed to, creating a cascade effect that pushes more and more students out of their respective places and into the wrong lots.

"If everybody does what they're supposed to, it will work," Lechner said.

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photo by Lindsey Robertson

Here's to Picasso at the Lapin Agile!

What would happen if Picasso and Einstein met at a bar? The cast of Picasso at the Lapin Agile answers that question this weekend in a performance of hilarity and wit written by famous comedian Steve Martin. The student-run show, directed by senior Justin Bryan and sponsored by the Alpha Psi Omega theater fraternity, will be performed on Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 with a special midnight showing on Saturday. The cast includes, as shown in the order above: Rachael Mellor, Chris Medjesky, Tom Oyer, Bryan, Megan Sigler, Mick Henninger, Barry Unis, Amber Scalfari, Melissa Hennen, Jimmy Connell and Will Stover.

Campus reacts to student crime

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

Two Westminster students could be facing dire consequences for their actions taken at fraternity parties late this fall.

Senior Lou Fani was charged and arraigned for severely beating two teenagers who tried to crash a party at the Sigma Nu fraternity on Oct. 9. Police charged Fani with aggravated assault and two counts of simple assault and disorderly conduct. A court hearing was held for Fani in late November, the outcomes of which have not yet been made available.

Junior Thomas Froelich also faces police charges. Froelich was arrested by borough police on Nov. 2 and charged with aggravated assault, escape, resisting arrest, defiant trespass, underage drinking, public drunkenness and two counts of simple assault for an incident occurring outside the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house in late October. Two of Froelich's charges are also felonies. Froelich awaits arraignment in January, where his charges will be read and he will be asked how he wishes to plead.

Both Fani and Froelich have each attended a different hearing with the College Judicial Board. Consisting of both faculty and students, the board hears cases in which an individual, group or organization violates the Student Code of Conduct.

According to the code, found in the student handbook, "Actions not committed on College property may also be subject to College disciplinary action, provided that the offense, in the sole judgment of the Dean, is related to the security of the College community or the integrity of the educational process."

Therefore, even though Fani's and Froelich's incidents occurred off campus, they will still receive punitive action from the college.

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Toys for Tots spreads holiday spirit

By Mike Dines
Campus Writer

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the sisters of Sigma Kappa sorority and the brothers of Theta Chi fraternity participated in the Lawrence County Family Center's Toys for Tots program.

The members of the two Greek organizations were matched with a child at the K-Mart in Lawrence Village Plaza. The members and the children were taken to breakfast and the children were able to get a picture taken with Santa Claus. After the pictures were taken, the brothers and sisters helped the children find the gifts that were written for family members and friends on their lists.

Each child was given $40 to spend on and received a gift from Santa that they were not allowed to open until Christmas Day.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa and the brothers of Theta Chi were excited to help these children have a better Christmas.

"It was so nice to see the kids enjoying themselves and learning the importance of giving," said Sigma Kappa Lauren Anderson, who helped plan the event.

The event is made possible each year due to the help received from the community.

"Knowing that these children are going to have a good Christmas makes me feel like we all accomplished something great this holiday season."

-Lee Scott, sophomore

While the Lawrence County Family Center is operated on government grants, this particular event is funded by donations given by community members and K-Mart as well. Thirty-five children participated in the event.

"The kids had $40 to spend this year instead of just $20, which made it a lot easier to get the children the gifts they wanted," said Sigma Kappa Lisa Santoriella. "And the looks on the children's faces made the entire day very worthwhile."

Sigma Kappa and Theta Chi hope to continue to participate in Toys for Tots in the future.

"It was great to see two Greek organizations help the community," said Theta Chi Lee Scott. "Knowing that these children are going to have a good Christmas makes me feel like we all accomplished something great this holiday season."

Photo by Megan Sigler

Julie Fair, Rich Marmura and Jimmy Connell help Mark, Alexia and James Robinson wrap Christmas gifts for their family during Toys for Tots. Sigma Kappa sorority and Theta Chi fraternity took part in the event on Saturday, Dec. 4.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Will someone PLEASE replace the demonic paper mache figures in the lounge with a tapestry?!

Go Steelers - woot, woot

This is the worst day ever!

I like the prospect of having two finals and a paper due the same day. Good times.

Look at what I can do!

The uncleanliness in the Galbreath dormatory bathrooms makes me fear for my life!

Bye bye, Westminnie.

Why are freshman so rude to the Greeks who try and personally invite them to the "Greek World" event?

Stop violating my pudding.

AIM has made us all stalkers in our own special way.

We're gonna have the hap-hap-happiest Christmas since Bing Crosby tap danced with Danny Kaye.

I would if I could, but I can't. So I won't.

Thanks for the Christmas card, dude!

LiveWire Mt. Dew... not as good as I thought it was going to be.

In times like these, I ask myself... "What would Brian Boitano do?"

Is it bad four hours of sleep is a good night?

That Holiday Spice Pepsi tastes like church after they wave the incense around.

Verbs are overrated.

Just a curse. Have a nice day.

Alliteration is good fun.

No pain, no gain.

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart. The very next day, you gave it away.

I want to jab my eyes out with a rubber spoon.

Happy Christmakah!

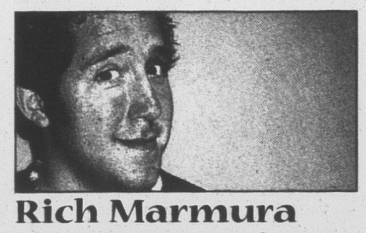
Everyone should have a hardhat. Just in case.

You give me a headache.

Deck da harrs wit berrs of horry!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

The business of Christmas: A lesson from Scrooge



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

"Marley was dead: to begin with. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail." These are the words that start Charles Dicken's classic (and one of my favorite stories) "A Christmas Carol."

Christmas has always been one of my favorite times of year. From the music to the decorations to the food to the love, Christmas is truly a magical time.

However, for many of our fellow men this holiday is not filled with joy and laughter, but rather misery and heart-ache. Some of this heartache is self-induced and some is not.

From what I gather, it seems that every year we all become too wrapped up in our Christmas "business" to see the real issues at hand that can make or break this wonderful time of the year.

In the story, when a terrified Scrooge asks Marley why he is doomed to walk the earth in death as he considered Marley to be a "good man of business."

Marley shaking with anger and regret practically attacks Scrooge saying "Business!? Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

It is not Scrooge's time in the story to realize it yet, but Marley is essentially saying that Christmas is so miserable for so many because they focus on the wrong "business."

But what is this business that Marley and I speak of? This business is what the season is truly about; namely a new start for everything through love and compassion.

And while I am not telling everyone that they need to give up every Christmas present and give themselves fully to poverty, I am simply suggesting that we follow more the examples in the story.

The Ghost of Christmas Past teaches us to value the time we have while we have it. Much of Scrooge's bitterness is caused by the loss of two important people in his life; his sister Fran and his fianceé Belle.

And while Fran's death was not Scrooge's fault, his inability to see past his "business" caused him to loose the woman he loved. Once again we see this season being ruined by chance and by mistakes.

But what can we do now to address these problems in our lives? I suggest that we evaluate what is truly important and go from there.

Spend time with your relatives because though you may not always have an amazingly fun time, they won't be around forever.

Help those less fortunate than you, because though you may not feel like you have anything offer many simply need the warmth of human compassion.

Many, however, may dismiss these suggestions because of bitterness or controversy while saying that Christmas has become too commercialized and what not.

And while this may be true,

From what I gather, it seems that every year we all become too wrapped up in our Christmas "business" to see the real issues at hand that can make or break this wonderful time of the year.

the Ghost of Christmas Present reminds us that "There are some upon this earth of yours, who lay claim to know us [the spirit of the holidays], and who do their deeds of passion, pride, ill-will, hatred, envy, bigotry, and selfishness in our name, who are as strange to us and all out kith and kin, as if they had never lived.

Remember that, and charge their doings on themselves, not us." Essentially the ghost is telling us to ignore the others who try to make the holiday about there own political or personal goals and focus on the true meaning of the season.

By the end as we all know, Scrooge had changed. "He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough, in the good old world."

This came from Scrooge's realization of this infamous "true meaning" of Christmas.

And while I can't tell you how exactly to find the peace the Scrooge attained by the end of the novel, I can make a suggestion.

Enjoy the holiday for what it is; a holiday. Enjoy the time you have with the people you love while you can.

Don't be ashamed by what you feel, but rather embrace it. And finally, learn to love yourself and forgive your own mistakes.

Love and compassion must not only spread to others but yourself as well.

In the end, God Bless Us Everyone.

Rich Marmura is a senior with a double major in political science and theater. He's a finance chairman of SGA and the president of Theta Chi fraternity.

Letter to the Editor

What are the 'real issues?': The Honors program not in jeopardy of being cut

I think it's great that Westminster students feel comfortable writing their opinions in Letters to the Editor of our Holcad.

Many times I agree with these letters and in fact there were some good points in Ben Nelson's letter published December 3, 2004.

I think Ben hits the nail on the head when he says that "bickering over the website has been preventing discussion of real issues."

I also agree with Ben that often we need to focus more on "real issues."

Unfortunately Ben's ideas of the "real issues" surrounding the Honors Program are not founded on accurate information.

For example, Ben blames a "proposed elimination of the Honors Program" on funding issues. Let me begin by stating that there is to date NO "proposed elimination of the Honors Program."

I know this because the purview of the Honors Program falls under the Committee on Academic Standards, which I currently chair.

I assure you that no proposals regarding the Honors Program have been made.

Perhaps this slam on "the proposed elimination of the Honors Program" comes as a result of the fact that the Committee on Academic Standards currently is reviewing the Honors Program.

I agree with Ben's statement that "investing in the best and the brightest would reap long-term rewards for any institution."

Problems with our Honors Program have nothing to do with finances, but one can question whether our program consistently invests in the best and the brightest from every major.

Several departments report that their best students are often not the Honors students. Students in some majors can not participate in Honors.

Music Education and Music Performance, for example, have so many requirements that those students usually can't fit in the extra hours.

Physics students rarely participate because they benefit more through additional courses, which prepare them for graduate school.

Foreign language students or other students who study abroad frequently have trouble completing Honors because their study abroad interrupts the long-term focus they need to complete the program.

This is not to say that the current Honors Program is bad. In fact, I will be the first to point out that there are many good qualities in the program.

The Honors Colloquium brings together very good students in one class and provides a forum for intellectual exchange across disciplines.

As students complete their Honors research projects, they learn to research and write extensive proposals and papers, very much resembling what they would complete in most graduate programs.

As they defend their research, they learn to respond to a variety of comments, criticisms, and compliments that help them to better develop their own ideas.

Many of these honors papers are published and/or presented at conferences because of the high quality of their work.

I could go on; the list of advantages is huge, but you get the idea.

Now our task is to figure out how to keep all the benefits of our current Honors Program and change, tweek, or create a program that eliminates all the current problems and inequities.

I'm interested in a discussion about Honors, but let's keep it focused on the "real issues!"

Elizabeth Harrison
Assistant Professor of Music

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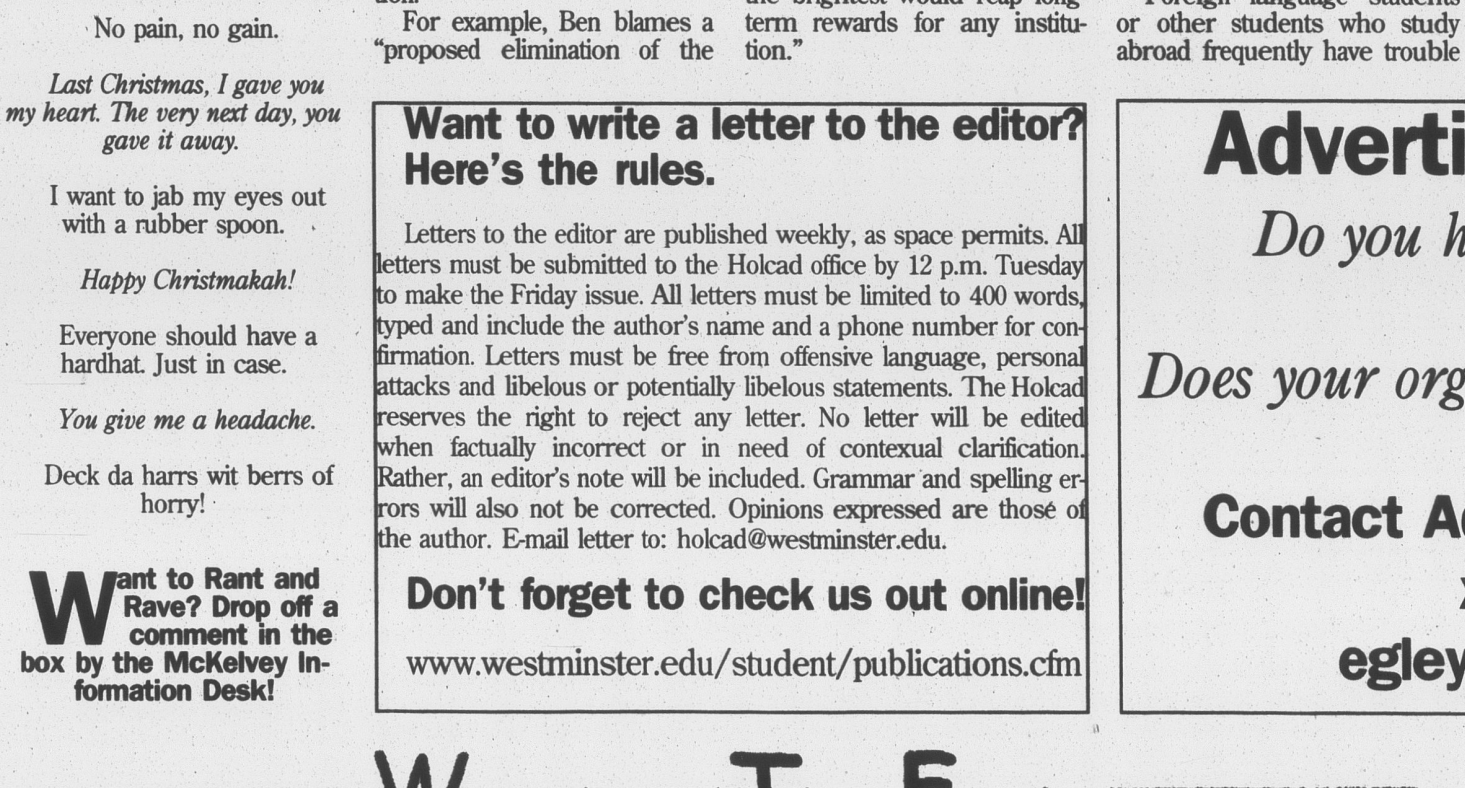

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Outside the Bubble

INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine approves electoral reforms

By Aleksandar Vasovic
Associated Press Writer

KIEV, Ukraine - Ukraine's parliament adopted electoral and constitutional changes Wednesday in a compromise intended to defuse the nation's political crisis _ prompting opposition leaders to say they would lift a two-week blockade of government buildings.

The vote came as a surprise after days of political maneuvering and massive street protests following the disputed Nov. 21 presidential runoff election.

It suggested that opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko's camp had determined that the prolonged unrest could ultimately weaken the country and his own position ahead of a Dec. 26 rerun of that vote.

The package was approved in a 402-21 vote with 19 abstentions, drawing an endorsement from Yushchenko's supporters.

Lawmakers stood and cheered as President Leonid Kuchma signed the measure.

"Today was the day for critical compromise," a jubilant Yushchenko said outside the doors of parliament after the laws passed. "Tomorrow could have been too late."

The United States and other Western governments praised the decision, coming after a tense two weeks of round-the-clock street protests in Kiev.

"Ukrainian and Russian authorities are hearing a clear message from North America and Europe, in diplomatic stereo - and that stereo sound makes a difference," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in Brussels, where he was attending NATO talks.

"And what do we say? Let the people decide."

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, congratulated "all sides on the crucial decisions that were taken today" in a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

After signing the text of the amendments and laws package in two blue leather folders with a golden Ukrainian trident, Kuchma shook hands with parliament speaker Volodymyr Lytvyn and deputy speakers.

Lytvyn then firmly clasped both folders and held them up to show to deputies.

"Over the last 100 years, Ukraine has more than once suffered through a crisis, but there was always enough common sense to find a way out and a decision," Kuchma said.

Campaigning in eastern Ukraine, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, the Kremlin-backed candidate whose support in Ukraine is slipping away, said he was "not happy" with parliament's decision. He described it as a "soft coup d' etat."

"All the decisions were made under pressure," Yanukovych said, apparently referring to opposition protests.

The opposition planned to end its blockades of government buildings Wednesday evening, said Socialist Party leader Oleksandr Moroz, a key Yushchenko ally.

The blockades of the buildings paralyzed government operations and preventing Kuchma and Yanukovych from reporting to work. On Monday, the demonstrators began letting through some workers, but refused to allow in senior government officials.

As word spread of the parliament's decision, demonstrators expressed relief.

"Some kind of compromise had to be reached," said Serhiy Vlasov, 44, who wore a pro-Yushchenko orange band tied around his arm. "We couldn't drag this out forever."

Yushchenko's camp had pushed strongly for electoral changes to close loopholes for fraud ahead of the new vote, but they had resisted the constitutional changes, which would transfer some presidential powers to parliament.

A group of communist, socialist and pro-government factions in parliament agreed to the electoral changes on condition they were voted together with the constitutional changes.

In the final version approved Wednesday, the president no longer has the power to appoint his own government, but keeps the right to reject parliamentary nominees for the top three positions - prime minister, foreign minister and defense minister.

Parliament also earns the right to appoint all other Cabinet positions without presidential approval.

To prevent electoral fraud in the new ballot, restrictions were placed on absentee voting.

Kuchma said he accepted the resignation of the prosecutor general, a key opposition demand.

The parliament returned after a brief recess and began to reshuffle the Central Election Commission, which had declared Yanukovych the winner of the runoff that was marred by allegations of fraud, beginning Ukraine's crisis.

Lawmakers voted to oust the election commission's chief, Serhiy Kivalov, and a decision to nominate him was met with shouts of "Shame!" by Yushchenko supporters.

Yushchenko is backed by the Ukrainian-speakers who want to end what they say has been mass corruption during Kuchma's 10 years in power.

Yushchenko wants to take Ukraine into the European Union and NATO. Yanukovych draws his strength from the Russian-speaking, industrial east, which accounts for one-sixth of Ukraine's population.

The director of the Austrian hospital said the cause of the illness that left Yushchenko's face pockmarked is still not known, rejecting a report that doctors had come to a conclusion that the presidential candidate was poisoned.

Yushchenko has accused the Ukrainian authorities of poisoning him during the campaign leading up to last month's disputed presidential election, something they deny.

Doctors are still running tests to try to determine what caused the illness, said Dr. Michael Zimpfer, the Rudolfinerhaus director, although he acknowledged that poisoning was one of the possibilities being investigated.

Zimpfer rejected as "entirely untrue" a story in Wednesday editions of the London daily, The Times, which quoted Dr. Nikolai Korpan as saying that the candidate had been poisoned and the intention was to kill the candidate.

Korpan also was quoted as denying making the remarks.

"The suspicion of poisoning has until now neither been confirmed or excluded," Korpan said, according to the Austria Press Agency. He could not be reached for further comment.

Zimpfer said doctors had only "a descriptive diagnosis" but were still trying to determine what had caused the illness.

It could have had natural causes, or it could have been a poison, Zimpfer said, adding that "it might also have been a combination of poisons. Everything is in the air."

The Times report had prompted one group of exhausted opposition supporters from the central city of Zhitomyr to change its plans.

"We were packed and about to leave when a man told us about the article ... now we will stay. Someone will pay dearly for what they have done to him (Yushchenko)," said Evhen, who revealed only his first name.

OFF CAMPUS

Pitt linguist researches the "dude" factor

By Mike Crissy
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH - Dude, you've got to read this. What's it about, dude? Dude.

A University of Pittsburgh linguist has published a scholarly paper deconstructing and deciphering the four-letter word, the bane of parents and teachers, which has become as universal as "like" and another vulgar four-letter favorite.

In his paper in the fall edition of the journal American Speech, Scott Kiesling says "dude" is much more than a greeting or catchall for lazy, inarticulate and inexpressive (and mostly male) surfers, skaters, slackers, druggies or teenagers.

"Without context there is no single meaning that dude encodes and it can be used, it seems, in almost any kind of situation. But we should not confuse flexibility with meaninglessness," Kiesling said.

To decode "dude," Kiesling listened to conversations with fraternity members he taped in 1993 and had undergraduate students in sociolinguistics classes in 2001 and 2002 write down the first 20 times they heard "dude" and who said it during a three-day period.

He's also a lapsed dude-user who during his college years tried to talk like Jeff Spicoli, the slacker surfer "dude" from the 1982 movie "Fast Times at Ridgemont High."

According to Kiesling, "dude" has many uses: an exclamation ("Dude!" and "Whoa, Dude!"); to one-up someone ("That's so lame, dude."); to disarm confrontation ("Dude, this is so boring."), or simply to agree ("Dude."). It's inclusive or exclusive, ironic or sincere.

Kiesling says "dude" derives its power from something he calls cool solidarity: an effortless or seemingly lazy kinship that's not too intimate; close, dude, but not that close.

Dude "carries ... both solidarity and distance and can be deployed to create both of these kinds of stance, separately or together," Kiesling wrote.

Kiesling, whose research focuses on language and masculinity, said that cool solidarity is especially important to young men, anecdotally the predominant dude-users, who are under social pressure to be close with other young men but not enough to be suspected as gay.

"It's like man or buddy, there is often this male-male addressed term that says, 'I'm your friend but not much more than your friend,'" Kiesling said.

Aside from its duality, dude also taps into nonconformity, despite everyone using it, and a new American image of leisurely success, he said.

The nonchalant attitude of "dude" also means that women sometimes call each other dudes. And less frequently, men will call women "dudes" and vice versa, Kiesling said.

But that comes with some rules, according to self-reporting from students in a 2002 language and gender class at the University of Pittsburgh included in his paper.

"Men report that they use dude with women with whom they are close friends, but not with women with whom they are intimate," according to his study.

His students also reported that they were least likely to use the word with parents, bosses and professors.

"It is not who they are but what your relationship is with them. With your parents, you likely have a close relationship, but unless you're Bart Simpson, your not going to call your parent, 'dude,'" Kiesling said.

And "dude" shows no signs of disappearing.

"More and more our culture is becoming youth centered. In southern California, youth is valued to the point that even active seniors are dressing young and talking youth," said Mary Bucholtz, an associate professor of linguistics at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"I have seen middle-aged men using 'dude' with each other."

"These things that seem frivolous are serious because we are always doing it. Professors, they puff up and use words to sound professorial. We need to understand language because it is what makes us human. That's my defense of studying 'dude,'" Kiesling said.

REGIONAL

Lesbian United Methodist pastor ousted

By Richard N. Ostling
AP Religion Writer

PUGHTOWN, Pa. - Last week's defrocking of a United Methodist Church pastor who broke church law by living openly with her lesbian partner was a victory for the denomination's conservative wing. But more broadly, did it signify a decisive turn for the denomination?

Conservatives hope so. The church-trial verdict shows "we will not surrender to the popular culture on matters of sexual ethics." That's the contention of Mark Tooley, the Methodist specialist at the conservative Institute on Religion and Democracy.

Liberals, however, saw the result against the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud of Philadelphia as a case of the UMC "shamefully" caving in to "cultural prejudice" against gays and lesbians.

Those are the words of the Reconciling Ministries Network, an alliance of 192 congregations and other Methodist groups that favors "full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities." The network branded Stroud's ouster as sin and blasphemy.

American society's ongoing cultural war over gay relationships undoubtedly affects churches, but the Stroud case was shaped more by internal Methodist dynamics.

With 8.3 million members, 35,000 congregations and $5 billion in annual proceeds, the UMC is the monolith of mainline Protestantism. On most matters, both theological and temporal, it follows mainliners' left-of-center views _ but on the gay clergy issue, forces that back traditional Christian teaching against gay sex have been winning.

Among other mainline groups, the United Church of Christ and Episcopal Church are more welcoming of openly gay, partnered clergy, though a minority of Episcopalians fiercely disagree with that stance, with backing from fellow Anglicans overseas. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharply divided over its gay ban, which covers both clergy and lay officeholders, and awaits a crucial report late next year and a 2006 showdown.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America could also erupt, depending on recommendations that a panel is polishing this weekend for release Jan. 13 and action at a convention next August.

The UMC's struggle originated at the 1972 legislative General Conference, where an official committee to re-examine overall social policy proposed language of acceptance toward gays and lesbians. But delegates inserted a phrase specifying that same-sex practices are "incompatible with Christian teaching."

The 1984 Methodist conference followed up with the law Stroud violated, forbidding "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" in the ministry.

National UMC rules are applied by regional clergy juries. The one in eastern Pennsylvania readily agreed that Stroud broke the law, but the vote of 7-6 on the penalty of defrocking was the minimum necessary. It's anguishing for clerics to oust fellow ministers, and with Stroud, who will retain many of her duties with her supportive congregation, even the prosecution praised her pastoral devotion.

Though narrow, the verdict was significant because only last March a Methodist court in Washington state acquitted another minister living with a lesbian partner, finding a loophole that was closed at last May's General Conference.

Stroud could offer little more than a character defense and plead for mercy, because the bishop who presided, and who personally opposes the Methodist policy, disallowed the plan of Stroud's side to challenge denominational law as discriminatory. Those preparing to testify were theologians from Emory and Southern Methodist Universities; New England's retired bishop; the pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C.; a psychiatrist and a Pennsylvania lay leader.

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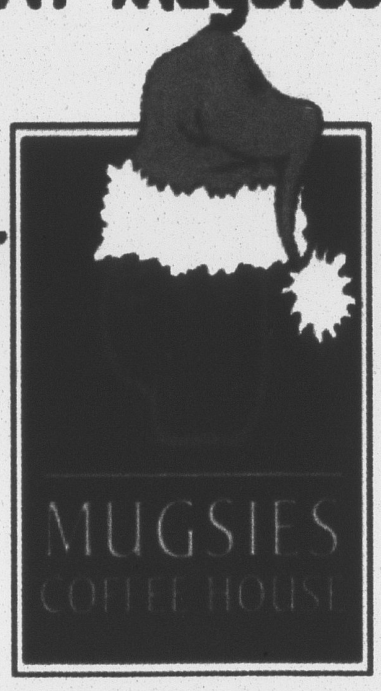

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Campus News

Students recognized for photography

By Melanie McGrew
Campus Writer

Willis Bretz and Ryan Mistovich know how to take a lens and look into it. And snap, they're being recognized for their outstanding photography.

Bretz, a senior history major, had his photo published in the book, "Gleaming Moments: The International Library of Photography." The book is available nationwide. His photograph entitled, "A Day in the Town," was taken in Volant. It is a black and white photo of a man standing next to a watermill. Bretz took the photograph two summers ago after taking the college's black and white photography class.

Bretz, involved with many photography activities throughout the community and best known around campus for his photographs for the Holcad, said, "I'm grateful for the support from my parents and professors (art teachers)."

Ryan Mistovich, a sophomore individual interdisciplinary major, reached prestige as well. His photo currently is displayed at the Butler Institute of American Art. He shot a picture of a tree with a shelf mushroom and then took a photo of the picture hanging beside his brother and father. His father deals in the mixed media category and his brother dabbles in photography. Photography's been a lifelong hobby for Misotovich.

"I have always enjoyed photography," he said.

Cassie Pantages, sophomore, views this accomplishment as important.

"I think it is wonderful that students are being acknowledged outside of the community," she said.

Bretz has a minor of fine arts and is the photography editor for the Holcad. He is a member of the New Castle Camera Club and had an internship in Washington, D.C. Ryan Mistovich has a double minor in music and art. He has entered a few photography contests and has won awards.

Photo by Johnny Johnson

Willis Bretz, right, poses with his recently published photo entitled, "A Day in the Town." Both Ryan Mistovich, right, and Bretz have been recognized for their award-winning photography.

Parking

As space issues increase, SGA drafts resolution to improve conditions

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To alleviate this problem, Lechner has imposed stiff ticketing penalties. Lechner estimates between 1200 and 1300 tickets were written this semester alone. "The guys stay on it very aggressively," Lechner said. "They're out there."

Students have various concerns about the parking situation as well. Freshman Casey Karger uses his car to get to work. "I have a car on campus because I have a job," Karger said.

Junior Doug Spiri also has responsibilities that he worries about. "I just want to be able to have a car when I'm a senior to student teach," Spiri said.

SGA has specified that even under the current proposal, first-year students with a specific need should be able to have a car on campus. Freshman would be prevented from bringing cars except "for circumstances deemed extreme by the Student Affairs office," according to the proposal.

While SGA approved and modified the last parking proposal that brought about the decals and much of the campus's heavy ticketing, they have not yet passed the new resolutions. SGA President Jessica Rummel is skeptical about the depth of support for the proposal banning first-year parking.

This parking plan has also been proposed before. "It's been discussed at the President's staff," Lechner said. "One of the reasons it was turned down was a recruitment issue."

Lechner considered many alternatives for parking-the creation of new spaces is difficult and expensive at Westminster, though. Lechner estimated approximately $1500 per space to put them in on campus. It involves digging up underground utilities, setting separate layers of paving, meeting zoning regulations, and installing very expensive fixtures.

More immediately, though, Lechner said it may be possible to win one or two more spaces by re-arranging some of the parking at Hillside, and that there is a small row of spaces that could be added around already-installed lights (a major cost for spaces).

The largest improvement to parking that Lechner could envision would be to increase spaces for Ferguson, Brown, and Galbreath halls-but it would require knocking out the bottom of the Quad.

"Believe me," Lechner said, "The quad is sacred. But I'll keep asking. I do every year."

He doubts the Quad will ever be cut into for parking, though, because Westminster embraces a policy of parking at the periphery. Other possibilities include connecting the Russell and Eichenauer lots.

More immediately, though, Lechner as well as SGA are focusing on parking plans. An increase in lots, Lechner advised, might just increase the number of students willing to bring cars.

Several methods for determining who is permitted to bring a car have been considered. Lechner supports a method that goes either by seniority, or by first-come, first-serve. More complicated ideas, such as providing spaces according to grade-point average, were heavily criticized by Lechner as "cumbersome," and potentially unfair.

SGA will voice its suggestion on the proposal next semester.

Shorter winter break raises questions

By Kristin Kronstain
Campus Writer

College faculty and students are optimistic despite a shortened winter break this year.

It will be a four-week vacation rather than the normal five. Though the calendar is working against the college's midyear need for rest, most are pleased rather than disappointed.

"One week less isn't so bad," sophomore Katie Hutchison said. "I'd rather have a longer summer then winter anyway."

College staff shares the students' feelings.

"I like the activity when the students are in the building. It's dead here without them," said Lori Shaffer, the secretary for the religion, history, philosophy and classics departments.

"It's easier to keep fresh and get back into the swing of things," English professor Dr. David Swerdlow said.

A shorter break means less time to work and complete internships, however. Junior Jolene Slattery also pointed out that this makes it more difficult for seniors to begin job-hunting after graduation.

Students won't be home as early to compete for jobs.

"We're not trying to torture our students. We work on the schedule every year but it just so happened that we started late and Martin Luther King Jr. Day fell early this year," Registrar E. June Garner said.

Classes always start on the last Tuesday in August and begin again in January, the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The number of classes required by state regulations determines the end of the semester.

Having a shorter break makes things difficult for the registrar.

"It's frustrating for us because we have a lot of work to get done between semesters, and a shorter break means less time to do it," Garner said.

"Sometimes the calendar determines when breaks fall and there's nothing we can really do about it."

Across the pond to an Ivy-League experience: Westminster at Oxford

By Caitlin Pratt
Campus Writer

For many students, an experience at a university steeped in the highest accolades and prestigious teachings now lies "just across the pond." During the fall of 2005, students and a few faculty members accessed the opportunity to spend three months at Oriel College, one of Oxford's 39 colleges.

From Sept. 8 to Dec. 7, a certain number of lucky students will take classes taught by Westminster's own Dr. Jim Perkins, Dr. David Goldberg and Dr. Jeff Bersett. Classes offered include logic, journal writing, a cluster course with 17th century literature and philosophy, and English political science, which will be taught by a member of the Oxford staff.

Students will not live in dorms; instead, they will live with a host family within 10 miles of the campus.

"Students will have their own private rooms, and will be provided with breakfast and dinner by the family," Perkins said.

Transportation will also be provided, and students will be able to travel on weekends and during a week-long break.

Students will pay the same amount for a semester at Westminster, with scholarships and financial aid carrying over. According to Bersett, students will pay only for the flight and for personal expenses.

The Oxford program is open to all students, regardless of majors. However, there is a limit on the number of students who can go. The limit will remain undisclosed until sometime next semester.

"I am thrilled with the amount of students who have shown interest in this program," Bersett said.

Next fall will be the first time a program like this one will be offered at the college.

"The Oxford program will continue to be offered every fall from now on," Goldberg said.

The campus itself is large, especially in comparison with the size of Westminster. Located about one hour northwest of London on the edge of Cotswolds, Oxford is a prime location for seeing new places and meeting new people.

"The colleges are like neighborhoods," Perkins said. "The stunning architecture is 400-600 years old, surrounded by a gorgeous community and a large student population," said Goldberg.

"Going to Oxford University is not only a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, but while we're over in England, we also get to experience things we would never be able to experience anywhere else," said Julia Broskey, a sophomore English major interested in taking advantage of the program.

For other study abroad opportunities, students can contact Dr. Fritz Horn.

Crime

Student crime affects college reputation

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The results of each of their meetings with the board have not been made available to the rest of campus, and can only be publicly expressed through permission of Fani and Froelich.

Junior Danielle Gorley understands that the college must respect the students' rights to privacy.

"What the police decided was public, but what happens to them on campus is really none of our business."

However, the Student Code of Conduct has explicit rules about actions that cause physical or emotional harm to other individuals, involve underage drinking and public drunkenness, or violate local, state or federal laws.

Fani and Froelich could therefore face charges ranging from disciplinary warnings to fines to temporary suspension to permanent disciplinary expulsion.

Both students have already been benched for a number of football games.

Froelich and Fani are not the only ones who will suffer consequences for their actions. Incidents such as these have a disastrous effect on the college's reputation.

"This affects more than just the community. It is bad publicity for the college," said senior Brad Merklin.

"There is nothing positive that results from this type of publicity," Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz explained. "After the fact, we can only educate concerned individuals as to our institutional response and the steps taken to help prevent future destructive behavior."

Fortunately, Swartz said that the admissions counselors have not yet had any questions about these arrests from prospective students or parents.

"If we did, our response would be that these types of incidents, while they do occur, are infrequent at Westminster," he said.

"We would also point out that when incidents such as these occur that we have 24 hour security force, a borough police department and a sound judicial system that handles the on-campus discipline when appropriate."

Senior Director of Advancement Administration Mark Meighen shares similar opinions to those of Swartz.

"We are always disappointed when Westminster students make destructive decisions. When these actions become public through police reports or external judicial hearings, the media is going to report them," he said.

"It's newsworthy. Destructive decisions made by college students across the country, not just at Westminster, have the potential to cast a negative light on the entire higher education system."

Senior Pat Sandora, news director of WWNW, disagrees. "This affects the individuals more than the college. I do not think Westminster will come out damaged in this situation. But if anything, it looks bad for the athletic department."

Meighen hopes the positive aspects of the college override the implications of a few students' bad decisions.

"We can share the positive contributions made daily by our students and faculty through over 300 news releases and 2,000 hometown news releases each academic year."

Meighen had minimal comments on what his staff and the college are doing in direct response to the negative publicity.

"Suffice it to say we strive to protect the privacy rights of our students while minimizing the damage to Westminster's reputation," he said.

While he is unable to comment on the specifics of the judicial board's decisions or on what will happen to Fani and Froelich, Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman assures the campus community that the decisions they made are in the best interest of the college.

"We are always concerned about the behavior of members of our campus community - whether on or off campus," he said.

"Our actions reflect directly on the college, its mission and its reputation. They are inseparable. To this end, we will do whatever is necessary to ensure that the honor and integrity of Westminster College is held in highest esteem."

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High 40	High 38	High 34	High 32	High 36	High 34	High 33
Low 33	Low 30	Low 23	Low 22	Low 23	Low 22	Low 21
Rain changing to snow showers	P.M. snow showers possible	Cloudy, snow showers possible	Mostly cloudy and cold	Episodes of sunshine	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy with a chance for snow

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
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Monday	7:38 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:39 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Wednesday	7:40 a.m.	4:54 p.m.
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Saturday	7:18 a.m.	4:18 p.m.
Sunday	8:36 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Monday	9:43 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10:36 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Wednesday	11:18 a.m.	9:09 p.m.

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Butler, PA	42	32	sh	37	30	sf	36	22	sf	31	22	c	38	24	pc
Cambridge, OH	39	32	sf	42	33	sn	39	23	sf	35	21	pc	38	23	pc
Canton, OH	38	31	sf	41	29	sn	35	22	sf	33	22	pc	35	24	pc
Cincinnati, OH	42	32	r	43	30	c	40	22	pc	35	22	s	37	24	s
Clarion, PA	38	31	sh	38	30	sf	32	22	sf	29	21	c	35	22	c
Clarksburg, WV	42	35	sh	49	35	sh	39	25	sf	36	22	pc	41	23	s
Cleveland, OH	37	35	sf	42	30	sn	35	26	sf	33	25	c	36	25	c
Columbus, OH	40	30	r	42	30	r	36	26	sf	36	25	pc	37	25	pc
Cumberland, MD	46	33	sh	45	32	r	39	24	sf	35	24	pc	39	24	s
Erie, PA	38	33	sh	40	30	sf	31	24	sf	32	26	c	38	26	c
Franklin, PA	38	30	sh	39	31	sf	32	23	sf	29	21	c	35	22	c
Greensburg, PA	42	35	sh	42	33	sf	36	24	sf	34	24	c	37	25	pc
Greenville, PA	39	32	sh	41	29	sf	32	23	sf	32	22	c	35	22	c
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Jamestown, NY	36	30	sh	34	26	sf	27	21	sf	27	21	c	32	21	pc
Kittanning, PA	44	34	sh	42	32	sf	37	24	sf	33	24	c	40	25	pc
Lisbon, OH	39	32	sh	41	30	sf	34	24	sf	33	23	c	35	24	pc
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Marietta, OH	41	36	sf	44	34	pc	39	24	sf	37	23	pc	40	25	s
McKeesport, PA	42	34	sh	41	30	sf	36	23	sf	35	24	pc	36	25	pc
Meadville, PA	38	32	sh	39	27	sf	30	22	sf	30	22	c	34	23	c
Morgantown, WV	42	35	sh	42	34	sf	36	23	sf	34	22	pc	39	25	s
New Castle, PA	41	34	sh	39	31	sf	35	24	sf	32	23	c	37	24	pc
Oil City, PA	39	32	sh	38	30	sf	33	23	sf	30	22	c	36	23	c
Pittsburgh, PA	40	31	sn	40	28	sf	35	25	sf	35	24	sf	38	24	s
Sharon, PA	40	32	sh	39	30	sf	33	24	sf	31	22	c	35	23	c
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Uniontown, PA	41	34	sh	44	34	r	37	23	sf	35	23	pc	38	24	pc
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Takah's Fall Titans

Jarrod honors the Titan athletes that went above and beyond this season

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

During the course of the 2004 fall semester, many Titan athletes have distinguished themselves in their respective sports. In my last column of the semester, I seek to celebrate what I've come to term "Takah's Titans."

On the football field, the Titans ran their way to a 5-5 mark. Senior running back Scott Froelich earned first-team All-PAC honors and as a selection to the NCAA Division III All-South Region Second Team by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette.

On the season, Froelich rushed 266 times for 1,351 yards and 14 touchdowns, adding 15 receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Joining Froelich on "Takah's Titans" from the football team are senior wide receiver Brian Ekis, who paced the Titan's with 3 receiving touchdowns, and senior defensive lineman Tony Ventresco and Don Waldron, who were among PAC leaders in many defensive categories.

In the 2004 season, the men's soccer team earned a NCAA tournament berth, after earning the first seed in the PAC tournament.

Leading the way for the Titans this season were senior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar and sophomore forward Blake Ordell. Both were among the team leaders in scoring, sealing several games with late heroics, and for that earned spots on "Takah's Titans."

The entire 2004 women's soccer team played their way onto "Takah's Titans."

Led by seniors, goalkeeper Nicole Drummond and forward Angie DePascale, the Lady Titan booters earned their third consecutive PAC crown. Accompanying team success, the Lady Titans placed eight players on the 2004 All-PAC team.

Drummond and DePascale, along with forwards—sophomore Sarah Calderone and freshman Scarlett Bretz—garnered first team All-PAC laurels.

Freshmen midfielders Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman and Brittany McKee, along with freshmen defender Mallory Bugel earned second team honors, while senior midfielder Melissa Schroder was tabbed an All-PAC honorable mention selection.

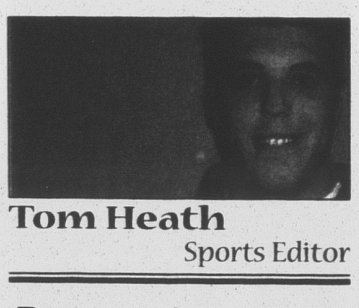
During the course of the fall sports season, the men's football team clinched its 49th winning season in 53 years; the men's soccer team tied a program record for victories (16); the women's soccer team captured their third straight PAC crown.

It was another successful fall for our Towering Titans.

The winter sports season has begun in successful fashion as well, with sophomore swimming sensation Ryan Trunk cutting through the waters in the pool, while the men's basketball cut through opposing defenses in the gym.

Look for the spring edition of "Takah's Titans" in late April. It will be the final column of my college career.

It's scary, but I can't wait.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Return of the Roids

Allegations of athletes, and some even admiting, to the use of steriods was pushe back into the spotlight recently.

Over the past week, Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees admitted to using steroids to improve performance. Along with Giambi, world class sprinter Marion Jones has also be taking substances given to her by a trainer also used by Giambi and Barry Bonds. David Boston of the Miami Dolphins was also found to be taking substances to improve performance.

I had the opportunity to sit down and chat with Head Athletic Trainer Shawn Toomey, who happened to be an intern trainer with the Buffalo Bills from 1979 until 1983. It's interesting that once again, the subject turned to the theme of immature adults receiving mass amounts of money and also being place in the public spotlight.

"The atmosphere and competitive environment without a doubt fuel the need for athletes to get that edge" Toomey said. "These players are feeling obligated to keep with their competition by any means necessary, even if it means shortening their lives by 5 or even 10 years."

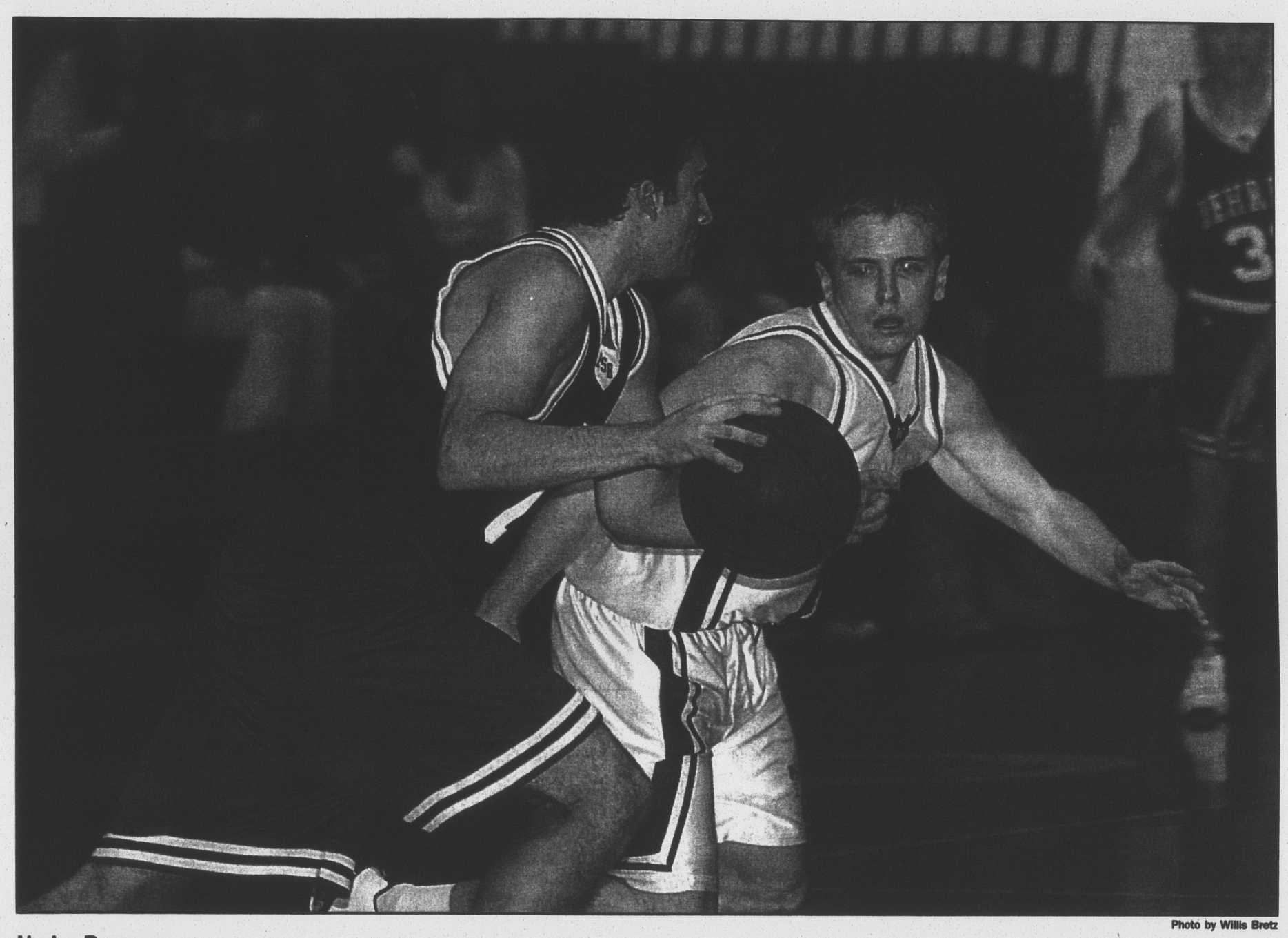
Even since his time with the Bills, he also noted that the money had changed immensely. "In the 80's players would sign multi-year deals for upwards of 2 million dollars or so, those were only the superstars. Now, guys that are drafted in the 2nd and 3rd rounds are seeing just a signing bonus of upwards of 2 million or so."

Times are without a doubt changing. Referring back to last week's column, we can now talk about this absurd amount of money being placed in the hands of overgrown children. The problems have defiantly changed in the realm of athletes. We can trace problems back to the days of Ty Cobb's drunken rages and his reputation of fighting anyone at anytime with his out of control temper. Pete Rose is considered by some to be one of the biggest cheaters of all time for placing a bet on his own team.

However, these to me seem rather small problems compared to players in the 80's, 90's and even today. Darryl Strawberry has been in jail several times and has combated addiction throughout his whole adult life. Strawberry is lucky however; he could of wound up being cost his life like Ken Caminniti did this fall. The money given to these players is not just used to buy cars and houses and jewelry. This money for some is used in feeding addictions to sex, drugs and alcohol. This is a prime example of the immaturity of these players.

Along with the money, players are constantly placed in high-pressure situations to produce numbers, numbers on the field as well as numbers off the field. Strength and size have come a long way even since the early 90's. Looking at Barry Bonds, for those of you who can recall, he was the shifty centerfielder who was known to put the ball in the dirt and beat out throws. Now, Bonds is double the size and is a power hitter. Without a doubt, Bonds has gained anywhere from 30 to 40 pounds since his days in Pittsburgh. He is a prime example of how numbers pay players.

The emphasis of being at the top of your game has changed. Everyone is now looking to be bigger, faster and stronger.



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Under Pressure

Senior Chris Hatch puts some pressure on Penn State Behrend on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The Titans defeated the Nitany Lions 109 - 99.

Rebound queens: Lady Titans rally for wins

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titan hoopers were back in action against NAIA foe Point Park as both played in the opening round of the Bethany Holiday Classic, and unfortunately lost in heartbreaking fashion 50-48.

The ladies did come back with fifteen points to tie the game in the waning minutes, but a last second lay-up by Point Park ended the Titan rally. This loss lowers their record to 3-2 for this young season.

The ladies had their troubles putting the ball in the basket as they shot a dismal twenty three percent from the floor.

This poor shooting led to a 15 point deficit as both teams went into the half-time break. However, with about 12 minutes to play, the Titans began to find their mark and put themselves back into the game.

Sophomore Nicole Fee hit a huge three pointer to tie the game at 48, however the outcome would bowed well for the Titans.

Leading the way for the Titans was Senior Erica Tallo who poured in a team high fourteen point and twelve rebound.

Sophomore Desiree Sterling added ten points while Free scored nine coming off the bench. The Titans were able to out rebound the Pioneers (49-37) but the poor shooting in the first half had already done in the ladies.

The Titans now hope to rebound against Mount St. Joseph as they finish play in the Bethany Classic.

The Titans were able to rebound against Mount St. Joseph, as they were victorious by a score of 58-53. This win stops the two game losing streak and puts their record at 4-2 for the year.

The ladies once again started off sluggish against Mount St. Joseph in the first half by only connecting on seven of the thirty shots they attempted.

It was a tight game throughout and the Lions did have a slim lead in the second half for quiet a while before the Titans were able to regain it.

The Titans did trail by two points with three minutes to go but finished on an eleven to two run to wrap up the game.

The top performer for the Titans was Senior Erica Tallo, who once again led the team in scoring with sixteen points. Sophomore Desiree Sterling added twelve points while Senior Mary Jane Eaton chipped in with ten. Tallo and Eaton both collected eight rebounds in the win.

The ladies were surprisingly out rebounded in the contest but did shoot much better in the second half, finishing the game by shooting forty-seven percent.

The Titans were also aided by their defensive play, which caused twenty-three turnovers.

With a 60-56 win over Wooster on Monday, the team looks forward to competing in the Penn State-Behrend Invitational in Erie this weekend.

Sports Shorts

Men's basketball

Men's basketball head coach Larry Ondako has been named National Division III Men's Basketball Coach of the Month for November 2004 by DIII News.

Ondako, now in his second season at the helm of the Westminster program, led the Titans to a 5-1 mark early in the season, including four straight wins to close out the month. Westminster closed November by burying 22 three-pointers in a 109-99 win over Penn State-Behrend, which was an NCAA Tournament team in 2003-04.

Through six games, the Titans are averaging 112.7 points per game, hittinbg 114 three-pointers as a team during that span.

PAC honors

Junior men's basketball standout Mark DeMonaco was named PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week. DeMonaco, a 5-8 guard, posted team-high totals of 28 points and five assists to lead to a 109-99 win over Penn State-Behrend..

Freshman women's swimming standout Becky Giles was tabbed PAC Women's Swimmer/Diver of the Week. Giles, a backstroke, butterfly, and IM specialist, broke a pair of school records while leading the Lady Titans to a second-place finish at the 11-team Wooster Invitational over the weekend.

Swim teams capture first and second place at invitational

The men's and women's swimming teams each completed competition at the three-day Wooster Invitational in Wooster, Ohio last weekend.

The Titan men finished in first place in an 11-team field with 1,615 points, easily outdistancing Case Western Reserve (1,219), Wooster (971.5), Ashland (866.5), Ohio Northern (764), Lycoming (720), Salem International (629), Penn State-Behrend (480) , Oberlin (427), John Carroll (348) and St. Vincent (8).

The Lady Titans finished in second place in the 11-team field with 1,387 points, trailing only the host Scots (1,525) and ahead of Lycoming (1,031.5), Case Western Reserve (946.5), Ohio Northern (733), Ashland (599), Oberlin (521), John Carroll (514.5), Penn State-Behrend (446), Salem International (358.5), and St. Vincent (131).

For the Titan men, sophomore Ryan Trunk led the way with three first place finishes in the final two days of competition. Trunk touched first in the 100 (46.49) and 200 freestyle (1:44.15) while also leading off for the winning Titan 400 freestyle relay team (3:11.80).

Other Westminster men posting victories in the final two days included junior Josh Hensler in the 400 IM (4:17.78) and sophomore Pat Smith in the 100 backstroke (54.91).

The Westminster women were led by freshman Becky Giles, who broke a pair of school records in the final two days at Wooster.

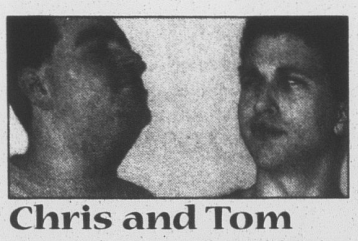
Giles captured the 200 backstroke in 2:10.53, breaking the school mark of 2:11.99 set by Tara Crawford in 2001. She also placed third in the 400 IM in 4:39.32, topping the program record of 4:42.66 set by Brittany Jardine last season.

Freshman Stephanie Peters was also victorious in the 100 freestyle (54.64).

Westminster swimming returns to dual meet competition this Friday, Dec. 10, as the teams host league foe Bethany College.

Arts & Entertainment

Spend some of your Christmas cash on these movies



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Electra is coming out just before we return from break. This spin-off of the Daredevil film should have fans... wait. No one liked Daredevil.

The most wonderful time of the year has come! Excitement fills the air but no, this isn't about Christmas - it's about the Oscar Season!

That's right folks, the Oscar season is upon us, and it seems to be as crazy a year as ever. Honestly, there is not a single clear frontrunner in any category, as even so-called locks, like Jamie Foxx, are no longer guaranteed.

Therefore, we give you a winter movie preview to catch your eye on the upcoming releases over Christmas break.

If we are talking Oscars then we must begin with the frontrunners. One film to keep an eye on is Martin Scorsese's The Aviator, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett.

This biopic of Howard Hughes is now considered the frontrunner for best picture and director. This movie will be worth seeing just for Cate Blanchett's performance as Katharine Hepburn. Oscar alert right there!

Another front-runner for best picture is Clint Eastwood's Million Dollar Baby, starring Eastwood, Hilary Swank, and Morgan Freeman. Eastwood is a former boxer, now trainer, who agrees to train a female boxer trying to prove her worth.

This film is also a must see because of the great Morgan Freeman, who could read the college handbook and still be fascinating.

Of course, be sure to go see Johnny Depp's new film Finding Neverland, which just won best picture from the National Board of Review in a surprising win.

Depp is being buzzed to have a great shot for best actor, as well as the magnificent Kate Winslet for supporting actress. Depp plays J.M. Barrie, the famous author who wrote the play Peter Pan after being inspired by his widow neighbor and her children.

If you want to see an ultimate tearjerker with cute children, we're sure this will be your cup of tea.

Of course, if you haven't heard by now, the film version of The Phantom of the Opera hits screens on December 22.

That's right, the phantom is making a comeback. Produced by Andrew Lloyd Weber himself, the film stars Gerard Butler and Emmy Rossum, two fairly unknowns (at least in America that is).

However, if the preview is anything to reason, fans of the musical will not likely be disappointed.

Still not convinced, well then did we mention that Minnie Driver is Carlotta?

Who knew the girl could sing!

Other Oscar potentials too keep your eye on include the star-studded ensemble piece Closer, Chinese action flick House of Flying Daggers, and the Bill Murray vehicle The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.

Also, look for the Alfred Kinsey biopic titled appropriately Kinsey, and the true-story Hotel Rwanda, about the African genocide that took place in the 1990's. Honestly, there is no excuse not to see this film. It's supposed to be extremely powerful.

And let us not forget the return of Ocean's Twelve, with the addition of Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Of course, everyone is going to want to see that! If you loved Scarlett Johansson in Lost in Translation, then catch her in two films this Christmas. She stars in In Good Company with Dennis Quaid and Topher Grace (from That 70's Show). She plays Quaid's daughter who begins to date his boss (Grace). Ouch!

Johansson also appears in A Love Song for Bobby Long, with a very gray John Travolta.

For those that don't get more excited about the Best Picture frontrunner than they do for Christmas Day itself, there still are several movies that may perk your interest this holiday season.

The Harry Potter alternative Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events makes its first trip to the big screen. This film, covering most of the first three of eleven books, stars Jim Carrey as Count Olaf, the caretaker for three orphaned children. But he doesn't want to help the kids. Instead, Olaf is after their considerable inheritance.

A strong supporting cast including Meryl Streep have made this "children's" film a possible Oscar contender, but odds are it will be simple (but dark) fun.

It may be older than our generation, but Bill Cosby's famous Fat Albert series has been turned into a live-action flick. Starting Good Burger's Kenan Thompson in the title role, the film puts the 70's characters into the modern world. The whole gang comes along for the ride. Like the Scooby-Doo movies, this one is going to be hit or miss with everyone, including fans.

Horror fans are in for a treat. Just after the new year, the long missed Michael Keaton returns to the big screen in White Noise. This film is about a supposed real life phenomenon in which, through the static noise heard on electronics, the dead can communicate with the living.

The concept alone is horrifying enough. But Keaton's long missed acting talents should make this a very successful movie.

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Finally, the movie that seems to be most anticipated is Meet the Fockers. The sequel to Meet the Parents brings back the whole cast and adds Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand as Gaylord's parents. Little is known about the plot, but the cast alone should make this a very successful movie and likely a hilarious one as well.

Either way, be sure to enjoy what's out there this holiday season, and have a wonderful Oscar season.... we mean Christmas season, of course.

May your finals be swift and your breaks be sweet. Cheers y'all.

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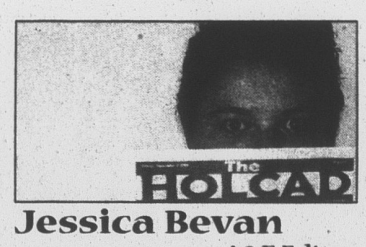
Rock those jingle bells: Christmas music for the masses



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

"Christmas time is here... Happiness and cheer..." Duh.

What happens when you hear opening chords to that Vince Guraldi classic? (The guy who did all of the music for the Charlie Brown specials)

If you're like me, your mind probably goes to your living room, family room, what have you, and the TV is on, showing Linus, Lucy, and the rest of the gang ice skating on the pond.

And maybe making your little sister perform the Snoopy dance. Incessantly.

Or not.

But that is this week's focus - holiday songs. Thrilling, I know.

I know for me, and in my house, if Bing isn't singing it, there's a good chance it won't be bumpin' from the CD player.

I like Bing Crosby. I'll admit it.

White Christmas remains one of my favorite holiday movies. Okay, it's more Danny Kaye than Bing that makes the movie so enjoyable.

Although, that duet Bing did with David Bowie on Little Drummer Boy is pure genius, in its own strange way.

But onto bigger fish that need frying.

There is one song that I feel needs discussing: Little Saint Nick.

Originially by the Beach Boys, and covered by those creepy Hanson kids a couple of years ago, the song paints Santa in a such a way that you kind of want to party with him. At a sock hop at least.

This Santa wears sunglasses, speeds across the sky, and is looking out for everyone. How nice.

In what could be a disastrous song, the sweet harmonies of the Beach Boys save it.

Point being, we have a hard time accepting non-traditional songs into our holiday playlists, however, every now and then one squeezes into the mix.

But you do have to wonder how those songs that we dust off each year gained that status.

Take "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," for example.

Movie dorks know that this song was written last minute for Vincent Manelli's Meet Me in St. Louis for Judy Garland's character to sing to Margaret O'Brien's.

In this context, the song takes on a rather sad meaning, since the Garland character is trying to convince herself and her sister that Christmas will be same in their new home.

Of course, Tootie (O'Brien) then runs outside and shows some snowpeople who's boss with a giant stick, but that's beside the point.

However, since then that sadness has worn off some, even to the point of being hopeful.

Two newer songs that actually broken through the barrier of not sucking are Faith Hill's "Where are You Christmas?" (From the Grinch soundtrack) and Kelly Clarkson's "My Grown-Up Christmas List."

While not exactly songs that induce caroling around the tree, these are great examples of how feelings about the season evolve as we grow up, as well as definite signs of the time.

Sample lyrics from Faith's song: "My world is changing/ I'm rearranging/Does that mean Christmas changes too?"

When White Christmas was written, the song was meant to induce the warm fuzzies. Those same warm fuzzies are, admittingly, harder to strike up.

Granted, Faith's song was written with the intentions of being from Cindy Lou Who's perspective when the Grinch successfully steals Christmas. (Or is it representative of the Grinch's disgruntled youth? You never can tell.) But there's always more than one meaning to song lyrics.

Of course, we shouldn't discount happy songs, like the ones from Charlie Brown, or the tradtional church hymns, which as Linus says is the real reason we celebrate.

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Kanye West leads Grammy nominations with 10, Usher not far behind

By Anthony Breznican
AP Entertainment Writer

The Grammys have gone autobiographical.

Kanye West raps about religion, his fears and his own greatness. Usher steamed up the charts with songs about sex, affairs and breakups. Alicia Keys sang about aching for love, confiding secrets and imagining a different future for herself.

Their reward for the tell-all music: a collection of Grammy nominations Tuesday, 10 for West and eight each for Keys and Usher.

After last year's glossy pop, rap and rock led by OutKast's Grammy-winning "Hey Ya!," all three of these artists energized the charts this year by exposing deeply personal emotions, ideas, desires, flaws and insecurities.

"I think we all put a piece of ourselves, if not all of ourselves - I know I put every single inch - into my music, my songs, my production and everything. I think that's something that can be said for all three of us," Keys told The Associated Press.

Producer-turned-rapper West led all Grammy nominees and scored a bid for album of the year for his debut "The College Dropout," which stood out in the rap landscape because of its atypical prose. It avoided the usual plotlines about sex, money and violence and touched on everything from his faith to his fears of failure and other crises from his life.

He also had a nomination for best new artist and shared a songwriting bid for song of the year with his religious hit "Jesus Walks."

The performer is known for bragging. In the pressroom at the recent American Music Awards, he claimed he was "definitely robbed" when he picked up no trophies.

Even his braggadocio style may mask his insecurities.

"I'm scared of getting 10 nominations and losing. It's happened before," he said after helping announce the Grammy nominees at the Music Box Theatre in Hollywood.

West also was apologetic and regretful over the way he reacted at the AMAs last month. "I should have accepted that more gracefully. I'm really ashamed of the way I reacted to that situation."

Half of West's 10 nominations were in the rap field, including best rap album. He competes against himself in the best rap-sung collaboration with the songs "Slow Jamz," performed along with Twista and actor-singer Jamie Foxx, and "All Falls Down," which he performed with Syleena Johnson.

The eight respective nominations for Usher and Keys, who collaborated on the hit "My Boo," included album of the year for Keys' "The Diary of Alicia Keys" and Usher's "Confessions."

"I feel like: don't celebrate too early, definitely take it one step at a time," Usher said. "I recognize that this hard work did not go unnoticed. And if I do not win album of the year, which is the one I'm most interested in winning, then so be it."

Keys, whose 2001 debut album, "Songs In A Minor," won the R&B singer five Grammys, said this time through the awards process is even sweeter.

"I've just been on a different level in terms of my experience. It's like, I've been able to just take things in and be almost on top of it as opposed to being underneath it swimming," she said.

Ray Charles, whose posthumous duets album, "Genius Loves Company," became the biggest selling album of his long career, had seven nominations including album of the year and record of the year for "Here We Go Again," sung with Norah Jones.

Green Day garnered six bids for its hard-driving rock-punk album "American Idiot," which satirized culture, politics and apathy. The group was nominated for record of the year and best rock song for the title track and best rock album.

Other record of the year contenders were the mellow lament "Heaven" by Los Lonely Boys, the jumpy party song "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas (which became a hit after changing to a more politically correct title than the original "Let's Get Retarded" and becoming a National Basketball Association anthem) and Usher's massive hit "Yeah!"

The best new artist class spanned soul, rap, country and pop, with nominees Gretchen Wilson, country's self-proclaimed "Redneck Woman," rapper West, young soul songstress Joss Stone, Los Lonely Boys and Maroon 5. Bids for song of the year _ which goes to songwriters, went to "Daughters," written and recorded by John Mayer, "If I Ain't Got You," written and recorded by Keys, "Jesus Walks," recorded and co-written by West, "Live Like You Were Dying," recorded by Tim McGraw, and "The Reason," recorded by Hoobastank.

Beach Boys frontman Brian Wilson's long-gestating album "Smile," which was released after years spent on the shelf following his emotional and mental problems, collected a bid for best pop vocal album. It competes with "Afterglow" by Sarah McLachlan, "Feels Like Home" by Jones, "Mind, Body & Soul" by Stone, and "Genius Loves Company" by Charles.

The Grammys will be given out Feb. 13 in Los Angeles during a broadcast on CBS.

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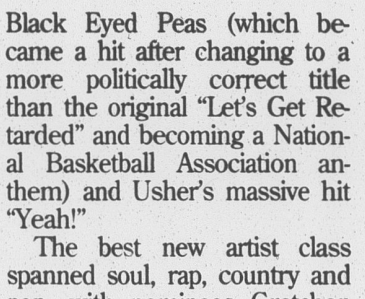

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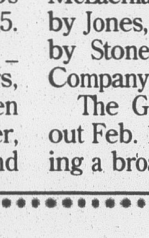

CALENDAR

December 10, 2004

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

6 PM Mortar Board Christmas Reading – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

6 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Wooster (H)

6 PM Women's Basketball vs. Fredonia State at Penn State-Behrend Winter Classic

7 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show (Reservations requested, ext. 7200) – 116 Hoyt

7:30 PM Shenango Valley Chorale Concert – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 PM Movie in Mueller – MCC Mueller Theatre

8 PM CPC Presents: Chris Newberg, comic – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller – MCC Mueller Theatre

December 11, 2004

Chapel Staff Christmas Party

1 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Slippery Rock (H)

1 PM Women's Basketball at Penn State-Behrend Winter Classic

3 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show (Reservations requested, ext. 7200) – 116 Hoyt

3 PM Men's Basketball at Elizabethtown

7 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show (Reservations requested, ext. 7200) – 116 Hoyt

7 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8 PM Movie in Mueller – MCC Mueller Theatre

10 PM Vans Leave for Night Owl Bowling – MCC Front Entrance (Shaw Hall side)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller

December 12, 2004

2 PM Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller – MCC Mueller Theatre

3:45 PM Christmas Vespers Family Reception and Dinner – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

6:45 PM IFC Meeting – MCC 255

7 PM Christmas Vespers – Orr Auditorium

8 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311

9 PM Movie in Mueller – MCC Mueller

9:30 PM CPU Meeting – MCC 255

9:30 PM Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – Hoyt 152

December 13, 2004

FRIDAY CLASSES MEET

CLASSES END

9 AM Junior Block Seminar – MCC Witherspoon Maple

7:30 PM Men's Basketball at La Roche

7:30 PM Senior Horn Recital: Matthew McLaughlin – Orr Auditorium

9 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple

9 PM Alpha Phi Omega Activation – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9 PM Monday Night Football: Kansas City at Tennessee – MCC Club

9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting – Patterson 113

10 PM - 1 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Berlin Lounge

10 PM Seekers Fellowship Reading Day Eve Party – New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2004

READING DAY

11 AM Support Staff Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

12 PM - 3 PM Stress Reduction Day – Student Health Center

5 PM SWAT Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Maple

9 PM Cram Jam – Duff Dining Hall

December 15, 2004

FINALS

4 PM - 6:30 PM President's Christmas Open House for Community – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

December 16, 2004

FINALS

4 PM - 6:30 PM President's Christmas Open House for Campus – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

December 17, 2004

FINALS

Last Meal of the Semester: Dinner in Galbreath

6:00 PM Psychology Senior Studies Presentations – Hoyt 152 and 166

December 18, 2004

Lifelong Learning Block II End

FINALS

7:15 AM - 3:30 PM Orchard Street Cafe Open

6 PM Residence Halls Close

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The answer to a philosophical question is simple. Keep an open mind, study the opinions of your elders and it will come clear.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): There is not enough available time to allow you to do all that you have to do. Set your priorities and plan carefully to achieve your goals.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Decide to change how you handle or react to stress. Strive to be more objective and physically or emotionally relaxed.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): A positive attitude and sincere effort will pay off. Get in stride, keep your head up and finish a long and difficult assignment with ease.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You have a romantic or socially stimulating week on tap. Do not be surprised when a secret admirer comes forward and admits he or she has feelings for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Household chores and duties demand a lot of your time and energy this week. Pace yourself and be sure to schedule periods of rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): The success of a community project depends on your ability to organize and motivate your neighbors. Do not hesitate to knock on doors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You are subject to periods of excessive shopping along with impulsive buying. Mind your budget and keep your spending under control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Embrace a powerful change or opportunity in your life. Respect the wisdom of experience and gain valuable knowledge and insights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It is important to find time for yourself this week. Avoid spreading yourself too thin with obligations or commitments to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You can turn to or call on a trusted friend to come to your aid or rescue. If necessary, do not hesitate to reach out and make a call for help.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A high-profile job or assignment is yours for the asking. Put yourself in a position to be seen and heard by the key players or decision-makers.

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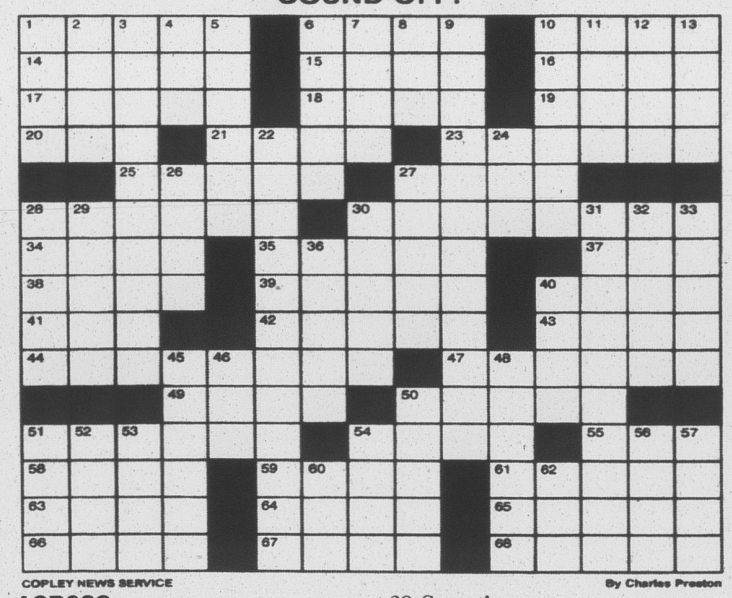

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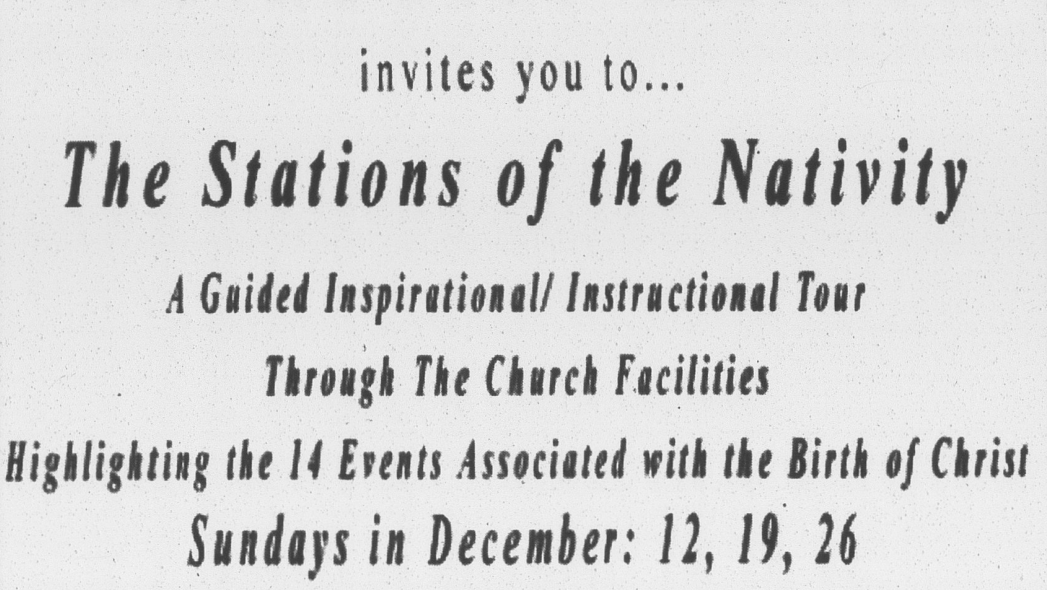

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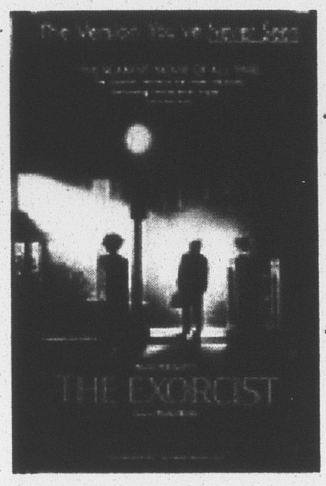
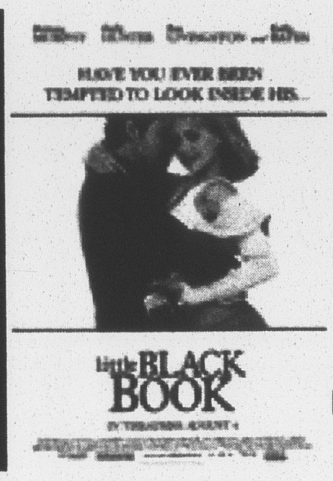




The Exorcist Little Black Book

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday 8:00 pm Friday 10:30 pm

Saturday 10:30 pm Saturday 8:00 pm

Sunday 3:00 pm Sunday 9:00 pm

FRIDAY!
Chris Newberg
8:00 PM
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
10:00 pm
Meet in front of McKelvey
$2/WC student- others pay at lanes

abc MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Titans vs. Chiefs
9:00p.m.
Club Room

COMING SOON...

Finals Study Hall 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Good Luck on Finals and Have a Safe & Great Holiday!

Mon, Tuesday, & Thursday Late Nights 10 p.m. to 1.a.m.

Jan. 22	Saturday Night Titan's Tavern
Jan. 28	Friday Night Titan's Tavern
Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr. 16	Relay for Life
Apr. 23	Swing and Sing
Apr. 30	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

Features

The best semester ever

The random things that make Westminster so wonderful

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

Contemplating what to write this week, I had a realization: a whole semester later, and I am still cranking out Holcad articles moments before (or after) deadline.

Now, instead of obnoxious ditties woven together by the lyrical mastermind, Jo Jo, my mind is being plagued by a Christmas tune sung, no barked, by dogs (courtesy of Titan radio).

This has only led me to my second realization of the night: only at Westminster College could one be brushing her teeth in the restroom, or eating pasta (the obvious food example, goodness knows they serve it everyday) in the cafeteria, while listening to caroling canines or an assortment of Rod Stewart songs.

The campus radio play list is not the only random thing at Westminster; I would dare to say that the entire college is about as nonsensical as they come. No changing that, nor would I want to.

So lets talk about the random occurrences that made this semester top notch.

First up, the college put new computers in every lab. That is not random.

But you know what is?

The computer lab schedules.

I bet I am not the only one who wanders from lab to lab, searching for an unlocked door or empty computer. Today, I spent a large portion of my morning, or at least a solid fifteen minutes, traveling to find an open lab.

If I had known if was going to be such a rough journey I would have brought along a sherpa of some sort or a compass.

Second random... thing: a super-sized freshman class (Would you like your class regular or Biggie sized?).

I do not know the exact number of students in the freshman class. Yes, I could look that up, but that would take effort.

Look at our campus for all of two seconds, and one will notice three things: beautiful, old, stone buildings... modern, impressive architecture... and Galbreath.

I just know that it is big, and people commented on its largeness back in September. I am thinking there has got to be at least 20 students in it, compared to the other classes' 15. No no. That was a joke in poor taste.

I am well aware that Westminster has at least 200, total, upperclassmen students.

Randomness numero tres: the marketing campaign, or more notably, the website. The reaction to the snazzy website design was brilliant.

Every campus needs controversy; ours' comes in the form of colorful graphics. Really, I do not know why everyone got so crazy about it.

Sure, it is awkward and offbeat, but so is Westminster.

Look at our campus for all of two seconds, and one will notice three things: beautiful, old, stone buildings... modern, impressive architecture... and Galbreath.

The student population is equally as miscellaneous. That is the sweetness of good ol' Westminster.

At first glance, it is perplexing, a reason to think "Hmm." And then, out of nowhere, it clicks: "Yes, this works. This makes sense." As does the website, only not really.

Yeah, I am no longer forming logical sentences and phrases.

Give that rabbit a hammer, son. See? It is time for me to bust on out of this joint. Take some time over break to reflect on the unreasonable goodness of this semester.

Have a fabulous and joyous holiday season!

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Holcad's Tips for Surviving Break

1.) Refrain from telling grandparents about all the unreasonably "fun" times you had throwing up and passing out. Only regale them with the "boring" activities you participated in like community service and spending time with friends nowhere near a keg.

2.) Bask in the gloriousness of not paying $7 for a semi-stale bagel and a bowl of cereal in the morning. (If you are still swiping your Titan Card in your kitchen for each meal, something is dreadfully wrong.)

3.) Milk the "Mom...Dad... I'm really tired from all of the terrible finals, weekends of studying, and no time to even think about being lazy" line. If your parents actually believe that load of crap, it might get you out of doing the dishes a couple of times.

4.) When sighting a fellow graduate from your old high school, drop a nickel and make a large production out of searching for that nickel on the ground until the coast is clear. No awkward small talk for you!

5.) If you start to get bored with the lack of excitement at home, remember that the only things you are missing in New Wilmington are horses and one traffic light.

Political Pong

Oh, Canada: To blame or not to blame?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

In the words of South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, "Canada sucks." Now I normally wouldn't quote such "entertaining" men in my article, but I think they sum it up pretty well.

If you haven't been up on the news lately, our lovely neighbors to the north have recently kicked off an anti-America (or at least anti-Bush) PR campaign. Most notably, one of their liberal MPs recently stomped on a doll of President Bush during a Canadian comedy TV show. This instigated a whirlwind of media frenzy on both sides of the border.

So why not bring the debate to Westminster? What's up with Canada, and should we even care?

My political hero, Tucker Carlson, has made his point clear: Canada needs us for its security, for its economy, and for its entertainment and culture. Oh Tucker, I couldn't agree more.

Now I realize that we benefit from this relationship as well, but not nearly to the extent that these hosers do.

Case in Point: I was on a Canadian Web site researching the history of the anti-Bush movement when I noticed the advertisement banner on the top: CSI New York.

Below the banner featured the country's top headlines: "Pearl Harbor anniversary remembered by Americans," and "Robert Blake murder trial. These are their top stories? I think they're becoming obsessed with us. Maybe we need to let them know we're not looking for anything serious and "just want to be friends."

But seriously, what unique traits does Canada offer besides cheap prescription drugs and a legal drinking age of 19? Not much. You know why anti-Bush Americans are looking to move north? Because it's the branch campus of the US!

And although public polls taken in Canada show that the majority of its citizens wanted Bush to lose the election, I'm sure the average Canadian doesn't hold the hatred that some members of its government do towards our country. I'm sure the Canadian businessman doesn't mind when we American tourists come to his shop with the American dollar, currency that (at the time that I wrote this article) is worth 17 percent more than the Canadian counterpart. I'm also sure that they don't mind paying less into their country's defense system knowing that they can count on the good USA to bail them out of any military attack.

And they don't like Bush, eh? Well let's do a little research on their leader, Prime Minister Paul Martin. He gave the biggest tax cut in Canadian history, which sounds awfully familiar. He cut health care, causing a national crisis for funding. And when asked why he wasn't following the "Red Book", a book he authored and vowed to follow, which laid out plans for a better government, he reportedly responded, "Screw the Red Book... Don't tell me what's in the Red Book. I wrote the goddamned thing. And I know that it's a lot of crap." Sounds like a real winner, Canada.

Alright, so maybe I was a little too rough on Canada. Perhaps I'm overlooking some great asset of the country that America couldn't do without... Mike Myers? You know we couldn't live without our Austin Power movies. Ok Canada, if you take Mike Myers home, then maybe we'll negotiate. But until then, just keep watching your MTV and deal with President Bush as your next door neighbor.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

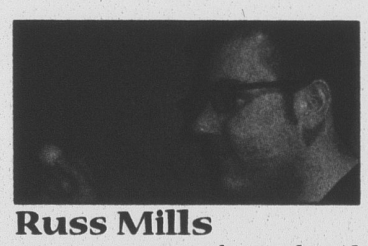
Recently, President Bush went to Canada to try to mend relations with the Canadians by thanking them for allowing US planes to land in Nova Scotia on September 11, 2001. Why did President Bush wait until December 2004 to thank the people of Canada? Simply because the United States need flu shots, of which the Canadians have excess.

This is just one example of the type of relationship that Americans have with the Canadians: a relationship of convenience. Americans rarely think of Canada unless we are going to gamble and drink underage legally in Niagara Falls. But really, I think the Canadians are on to something.

1. Difficulty to Purchase a Gun

In America, any redneck or murderer, can go to Wal-Mart and get a gun and ammo for one month's worth of welfare. Two summers ago I worked at a camp with many Canadian citizens. When we would go to Wal-Mart, they were amazed at the ease one could buy a weapon in the United States. Many Canadians also were outraged (as were many Americans) that President Bush and the Republican Congress allowed the Assault Weapons Ban to expire, making it possible to buy an assault weapon (aka Oozie, AK-47).

2. Decriminalization of Marijuana



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Now many of you may be surprised or even outraged that I suggest Canada is better because marijuana is decriminalized, but it is true. This allows doctors to prescribe marijuana to patients with cancer and other illness where they deem acceptable.

Also, I believe that a person in their home smoking marijuana is far less dangerous than a person drinking alcohol in a bar. The decriminalization does not mean that you can use marijuana in public but rather assures that the government cannot interfere with your liberty and your private life - what a novel concept.

3. Universal Health Care/ Low Drug Prices

This is the one area where Canadians really make the Americans look inferior. The Canadian healthcare system assures that every citizen has healthcare and access to doctors. Additionally, Canadian drugs are much cheaper than American drugs because Canada does not have the drug lobbying that takes place in the United States. Canadians favor looking out for the society and not the individual, which is what I would like to see more of in the United States.

4. Lack of a Military/Isolationist Strategy

Ever noticed how no one attacks or speaks out against Canada? Wouldn't it be nice to travel overseas and not have people look at you funny? (A firm in New Mexico is selling "Canadian Kits", which provide Americans with everything they need to become Canadian when traveling overseas.)

No one attacks Canada because Canada does not go around the world telling people what to do and also does not spend billions on a military to enforce these demands. Instead the peaceful Canadians have the Royal Mounties, and spend money on improving quality of life for citizens, instead.

Overall, I wish the United States took some lessons from our neighbors to the north. Their pacifist, socialist, and just plain smart outlook on life has made them on of the safest, prosperous, and livable countries in the world.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

El Canelo provides Mexican getaway outside of Taco Bell

Greg Smith
Food Critic

Can you believe that it's already that time of the year again?

The snow flakes start falling, people start caroling, and you get ready to pack your bags and catch the next flight to the beautiful warm shores of Mexico!

Just remember to brush up on your Spanish before you cash in your ticket.

Here's the only phrase you'll need to know: "Hola. Mi nombre es Greg. Amo cantidades grandes de alimento. ¡Ahora aliménteme!"

For those of you who are like me and completely ignorant to the Spanish language this phrase means" "Hello. My name is Greg. I love large amounts of food. Feed me now!"

However, if you're like me, and the only traveling south you'll be doing during break is making the trip downstairs to your refrigerator, you can still practice your Spanish in New Castle's own little Mexican getaway: El Canelo.

El Canelo is located on Route 18 heading towards New Castle. It is a locally owned restaurant that only serves up the finest authentic Mexican cuisine.

For those of you who are hardcore Taco Bell fans, this may seem like a great new place to try. But if you plan on dining at El Canelo's, you might as well throw out any preconceived notions you have about Mexican food that were formed from the many visits to Taco Bell.

There are a vast number of items that are offered on the El Canelo menu, all of which are within a reasonable price range.

It is only fair to say that the portions they serve are enormous. Not only are the portions large, but it also takes them very little time to prepare and serve your meal.

Perhaps one of the best parts of dining at El Canelo is the complimentary bowl of homemade tortilla chips and salsa that they serve you as soon as you are seated.

However, with all good things, there must also be some bad.

For my particular experience, I was disappointed with the food. It's not that the meal was inedible, but that I had such high expectations from all of the people who have made their food out to be an exquisite gourmet meal. I did not find this to be true. I am just not a connoisseur of cultural foods.

Luckily, I do specialize in all things relating to cheese, including cheesecake. If you have any doubts about dining at El Canelo I strongly urge you to go there and try the El Canelo ChimiCheesecake.

It is quite possibly the closest experience to finding an unknown utopia that can only be discovered and explored via your taste buds.

I'm sure that many of you are wondering about the atmosphere that comes along with the turf of dining at a Mexican restaurant. El Canelo is decked out in sombreros, chili peppers, and all things festive.

It has all of the stereotypical décor that you would expect to find at a Mexican restaurant, including the music.

I will admit that there are not words that can possibly describe how unique and irritating Mexicana music can be when you're trying to eat. It's definitely something that you have to experience for yourself in order to understand where I'm coming from.

It's time to see how this authentic Mexican experience stacks up against a good old fashion American favorite, the Twinkie Scale.

Taking into consideration the culturally attuned décor, food, and overall atmosphere I'd say that El Canelo comes up with a grand total of 2 Twinkies out of 4.

Until next semester, 'subsistencia en la cavadura'.

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